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## Cabinet Security C'ttee established

## West Bank elections today

By ASHKEE WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

After a 14-month gestation period, the Cabinet yesterday gave birth to a Cabinet Security Affairs Committee with 11 members including Prime Minister Rabin as its chairman.

The make-up of the Committee, proposed by Rabin, was (as announced in the Cabinet communiqué in Hebrew alphabetical order) Yigal Alon — Foreign Minister, Yosef Burg — Interior, Haim Bar-Lev — Commerce, Gideon Hausner — without Portfolio, Shlomo Hillel — Police, Shimon Peres — Defence, Haim Zadak — Justice, Yehoshua Rabinowitz — Finance and Victor Shemtov — Health.

Five members of the Cabinet abstained on Rabin's proposal for an 11-man Committee because they regarded it as too large and unwieldy. Four of them, Peres, Yacobi, Burg and Hausner, proposed at the Cabinet session that the Security Committee should have only seven members, Yitzhak Rabin (Religious Affairs) abstained on this proposal, as well as on Rabin's proposal. The four contended that a Cabinet Security Committee must be efficient and therefore also compact. They did not criticize the qualifications of any of the 11 men suggested by the Premier.

Rabin recalled that the Cabinet had approved the establishment of the Committee on February 2, 1975. What he did not mention was that he had promised, then, to announce

the names of the members within one week's time.

Rabin said he was guided by the principle that the Committee should not be bigger than half the size of the Cabinet. He chose the names with due allowance for one of three factors: the posts held by the Ministers, or their party affiliation, or their personal qualifications, he said.

Rabin, Alon, Hillel, Peres, Zadak and Rabinowitz have places on the Committee because of the Ministries they head. Burg represents the National Religious Party, Hausner the Independent Liberals and Shemtov Mapam. Bar-Lev and Galiel are on the Committee because of their experience and intrinsic qualifications.

According to some press reports last week, Rabin was said to be toying with the idea of a 10-man Security Committee without the presence of Bar-Lev on it. These same reports said that Bar-Lev had threatened to resign from the Cabinet if this proved to be true. However, circles close to Bar-Lev said that the Minister made enquiries as soon as these reports appeared and was told that his seat on the Committee had always been assured. He was reminded that last year both he and the then Minister of Information Aharon Yari had been reserved places on the Committee because of their IDF experience.

Yari confirmed to The Post last night that he had been approached personally last year and told he had promised, then, to announce

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

A controversy over whether Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization were for or against today's West Bank municipal elections appeared yesterday to have taken much wind out of the sails of radical nationalist candidates bidding for a sweeping victory in the territory's main towns.

Nevertheless, the nationalist "Young Turks" remained the favorites in the West Bank's largest towns of Nablus and Hebron.

In Nablus nationalist candidates were slated to dominate a majority which will name either radical Basam Shakra or Zhafer al-Masri as new mayor. In Hebron, Fhad Kawasma, a young agronomist, was seen certain to be elected as mayor by a new, predominantly nationalist council, after 40 years in office by moderate Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'bari, who refused to take part in today's elections.

Syria's opposition to the elections had its effect on several West Bank towns, reducing the pressure by pro-PLO sympathizers on traditional candidates. In Jenin, incumbent moderate mayor Ahmed Kamal Sa'adi was seen regaining some of his influence previously shaken by radical challengers. The pro-PLO mayors of Ramallah and Tulkarm — Karim Khalaf and Bilal Hamoun — who are confident of re-election, suddenly faced a growing challenge by opponents backing two politically independent candidates — Khalil Mousa and Mazen Jayyousi.

In Bethlehem and Beit Jala, moderate mayors Elias Freij and Farah al-Araaj were struggling against "progressive" fronts, backing Hanna Nasser for the Bethlehem municipality and a number of academics in Beit Jala, including Rafi Zeidan, Fo'ad Rizik and Bishara Daoud. In neighboring Beit Sahur, the contest was mainly between Tawfik Abu Aita and Atallah Rashmawi, who is at present being held in detention for security reasons. Nine administrative detainees are included in the 18 candidates contesting the 183 seats in 22 towns.

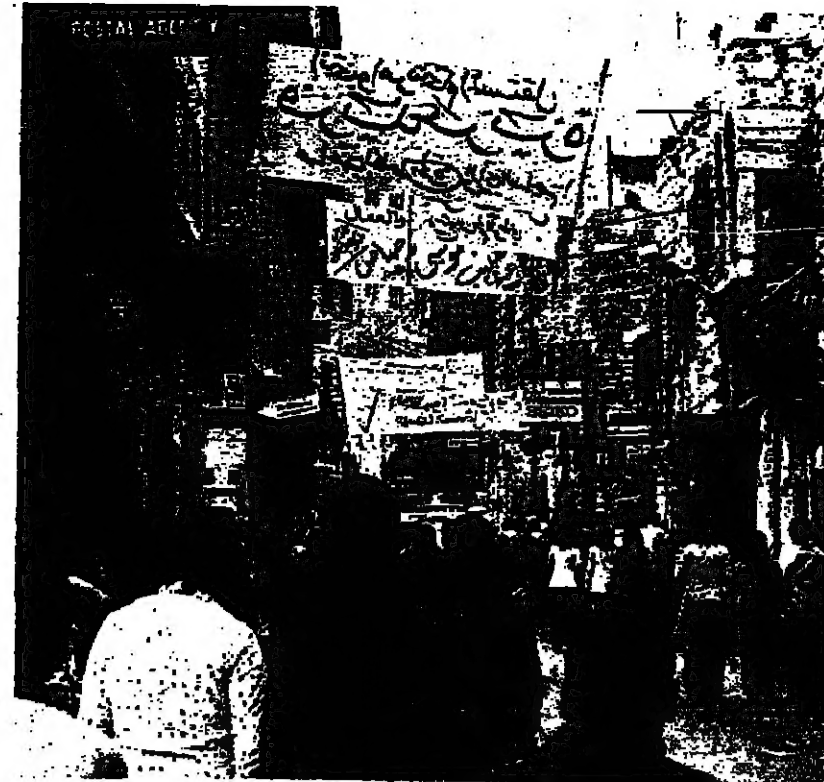
Many pro-Syrian Ba'athists were reported to have toned down their active participation in the elections, leaving the arena mainly to radical nationalists and Communists opposing the traditionalists. The PLO itself has taken a passive attitude toward the elections, apparently waiting to see the results.

Of the original 577 candidates, 33 more retracted their nomination over the past two days for unexplained reasons. Thirty-one others withdrew their candidacy last week.

Official circles last night declined to forecast the turn-out among the 88,000 eligible West Bank voters in the urban areas, whose populace constitutes almost half of the area's 670,000 inhabitants.

The military government has set up special information headquarters at Beit El, near Ramallah, to follow up the West Bank municipal vote, due to begin at 7 a.m. this morning at some 40 polling stations. Polls were scheduled to close at 8 p.m. unless chairmen decide to extend the deadline by an hour where they deem necessary. Elections will be resumed tomorrow in places where there is less than a 50 per cent turnout.

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Election campaign streams provide different setting to Bethlehem on the eve of the West Bank municipal voting today. (Rahamim Israeli)

## 'Syria clears Lebanon moves with Israel'

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — American sources here are not surprised that Israel defence sources are denying a "Washington Star" report that the U.S. has helped Syria, in effect, to clear all its military actions in Lebanon beforehand with Israel.

The U.S. sources, who confirmed

the thrust of the "Star" report, said yesterday: "Well, what do you expect the Israelis to say?"

The "Star," in a front-page story yesterday, quoted U.S. sources as saying that the Syrians were clearing their escalating involvements in Lebanon with Israel through the U.S.

"No Israel Government can openly acknowledge that they have given the green light for Syria to send its forces into Lebanon, even half a mile," an American official said. "A better word for what the Israelis are doing is 'acquiescence.' So long as no Syrian forces go into the southern zone, the Israelis have secretly indicated they will not stage an invasion of their own." The official was quoted as telling the "Washington Star."

According to the "Star" account, word on Syria's plans goes first to U.S. ambassador Richard Murphy (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

## Cease-fire till end of April 6,000 Syrians in Lebanon, leftists say

By ANAN SAFADI  
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Lebanese leftist leader Kamal Junblatt last night claimed two more Syrian battalions had entered Lebanon's mountainous border region, bringing the Syrian military presence there to some 5,000 to 6,000 troops. There was no confirmation of Junblatt's claim from any other source. Previous estimates have put the number of Syrian troops in Lebanon at 2,500.

If proved true, Syria's growing involvement in Lebanon would seem to have been coordinated with the U.S., whose special envoy in Beirut, Dean Brown, is seeking to consolidate Lebanon's current shaky truce.

Junblatt made the claim shortly before agreeing to extend until the end of April the 10-day cease-fire which was due to expire at noon today.

Junblatt earlier criticized the Syrian move, charging it was escalating the crisis in Lebanon and demanding a "freeze" in Syrian, French and U.S. mediation, until a replacement is found for President Suleiman Franjeh.

One of Junblatt's allies, Ibrahim Khalil, demanded that President Franjeh step down at an early date

under a Lebanese parliament constitutional amendment which on Saturday voted for the election of a new head of state. He warned that the truce could not be endless.

The leftists threatened to renew their fight for radical political reforms, which they claim the Syrians are frustrating. The leftists also claimed that they would not stand idly by as Syria tried to tighten its grip on the leftist arms trails and supplies.

The Syrians were yesterday reported to have ended talks with Lebanon's Moslem religious leaders for devising a settlement with the Christians to end Lebanon's civil war that has claimed about 20,000 lives. Syria's version of a settlement calls for sharing the administration between the Christians and Moslems, a formula which the leftists are opposing on the grounds that the religious parity should be replaced by a new political system, which the leftists themselves hope to dominate.

Beirut's security spokesman last night said that over 50 persons were killed yesterday in several clashes in the Lebanese capital and its eastern outskirts. The spokesman said that some 25 persons were kidnapped by Christians and leftists controlling the Moslem sector of Beirut.

## Toon sees Alon

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

American Ambassador Malcolm Toon called on Foreign Minister Alon in Jerusalem yesterday to discuss the situation in Lebanon. Officials here would give no details — beyond denying the "Washington Star" report that Toon is being instrumental in obtaining tacit Israeli consent for limited Syrian in-

volvement in Lebanon. The officials said there was no such consent.

American embassy officials had no comment on the "Star" report.

Israeli sources said Toon had asked for the meeting, and that it was part of his regular contacts with the government. The subject of his controversial briefing to foreign newsmen last week, in which he accused Israel of "playing dirty pool" by appealing directly to the Congress, had not been raised at the meeting yesterday, the Israeli sources said.

On the Lebanese situation, observers here list a number of considerations — in addition to the Israeli deterrent threat — which appear to be restraining Syria from more massive intervention. These include:

- The thought that intervention would in fact be directed against the leftist Moslem forces who are ostensibly Syria's sympathizers, and on the side of the Christian rightists, who are ostensibly Syria's adversaries;
- The thought that massive intervention might leave Syria's Iraqi flank exposed;
- The fear that too-massive intervention might turn the PLO and its allied forces against Syria — inside Syria too;
- The fear that too-massive intervention in defense of the Christians might prompt Egypt to send arms and other aid to the Moslems and the PLO in Lebanon and thereby encourage a Syria-PLO rift.
- "But all this is not to downplay the effectiveness of the Israeli deterrent threat," one observer noted. "That threat exists and is effective: it is not weakened by the existence of additional constraints upon Syria."
- "The point is, though, that the Lebanese situation is increasingly complex, with alignments there shifting like patterns in a kaleidoscope, and a large number of factors shaping the actions of the various parties."

## Rabin lauds Africa detente bid

Pretozia's efforts for African detente and prosperous coexistence without interference were lauded by Prime Minister Rabin at a dinner in Jerusalem last night in honour of visiting South African Prime Minister John Vorster.

After voicing "South Africa's long support of Israel as a free and independent Jewish State," Mr. Rabin said:

"I believe both our countries share the problem of how to build regional dialogue coexistence and stability in face of foreign-inspired instability and recklessness."

"This is why," he went on, addressing Mr. Vorster. "We here follow with sympathy your own historic efforts to achieve detente on your own continent, to build bridges for a secure and better future, to create coexistence that will guarantee a prosperous sinosphere of peoples for all the African peoples, without outside interference and threat."

The dinner was attended among others, by the Knesset Speaker, President of the Supreme Court, Chairman of the Zionist Executive and Cabinet Members.

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## Mystery marksman strikes in Carmel market

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The mystery gunman struck again yesterday, wounding a German volleyball player. It happened in the crowded Carmel market, while a large force of detectives were riding buses to, and from Holon, the assailant's preferred area of operation until yesterday.

The latest victim, 20-year-old Kemper Hornish, was shot at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. He was taken to Hadassah hospital in Tel Aviv, where the bullet near his buttock was removed. He is not in danger, but is still in hospital. Though a police spokesman said the calibre of the bullet is still in the process of being determined, at least three of those used in the five previous attacks.

Difficulties characteristic of trying to solve a motiveless crime have been compounded for the police by lack of response from potentially helpful members of the public. Such descriptions as have been volunteered have tended to be contradictory — one talks of a woman and another of a man. Although hypnosis has been tried on some passengers on one of the buses on which an attack took place, in order to obtain information that might have been stored subconsciously, police have not even been able to assemble an identikit picture of the perpetrator.

One theory as to the nature of the weapon used is that it is an "attaché case gun." This involves the mounting of a small calibre gun inside an attaché case. The trigger is linked to a firing mechanism

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## Army car hits mine

Jerusalem Post Military Reporter

An IDF command car hit a mine near moshav Sadot in the Pithul Rafiah region yesterday. There were no casualties.

Investigation revealed that the mine was freshly laid. Security forces launched a search of the area.

A Fatiah network was uncovered in the Rafiah area early in February.

## Israel in Olympics soccer final, beats Japan 4-1

By PAUL KOHN  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel defeated Japan by 4-1 at the Ramat Gan stadium yesterday and won its place in the Olympic Games soccer finals in Montreal this summer. An unexpectedly large crowd of 40,000 saw Israel lead 2-0 after 18 minutes and 2-1 at halftime.

Israel will join 15 other coun-

tries in the finals, which will be divided into four groups. It will be Israel's first appearance in the Olympic finals since appearing in Mexico in 1968.

Having already beaten the Japanese 3-1 in Seoul 12 days ago, Israel played calmly and confidently from the kick-off. In the 18th minute, Vicky Peretz saw his header desperately cleared by Japanese stopper Kawakami, after goalkeeper Seta was beaten. Israel took the lead two minutes later. The Italian referee awarded Israel a free kick from 20 metres out. Shum flicked the ball to Moshe Schweitzer who hammered a low drive into the corner of the net.

The Japanese came back strongly and nearly equalised when Kamamoto hit the crossbar in the 18th minute. In the 18th, Schweitzer set a free kick near the corner

post and his well placed in-swinger found Gideon Damti, who headed in Israel's second goal. Japan continued attacking but their shooting was often wild. Their attacks were rewarded when Akira Matsunaga neatly headed in a goal back just before halftime.

Eli Leventhal came in for Shalom Schwarz in the second half. In the 53rd minute, Shum placed a low drive from 12 metres into the net. Seta was unsuspecting and had no chance with the shot.

The Japanese still fought back and did nearly all the pressing in the last half hour.

Meir Barad replaced Schweitzer in the 75th minute, and his first contact with the ball was a long pass into the Japanese half. Kawakami appeared to handle the ball, but Damti snatched it up. As he approached the goal, he was

brought down. Shum scored Israel's fourth goal from the penalty spot.

Israel played its best football in the first 20 minutes, after which the team slowed down for long stretches. Damti was best in the attack, and Shum and Schweitzer were in control in midfield. Bender and Bar were the pivots in defence, and 32-year-old veteran keeper Yitzhak Visoker had one of his best games, during a busy afternoon.

A mammoth traffic pile-up jammed all the roads around the stadium after the game. But last night the drivers were all in good humour, many of them tooting the V-for-victory morse code signal as they crawled homewards.

Israel meets South Korea at the same venue next Sunday. However, no result in this game can have any bearing on Israel's place in the last 16 in Canada.

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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy, with local rain, and a drop in temperatures. Weather synopsis: Warm low over Egypt and Sinai, a cold low over the Aegean is moving in our direction.

	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	50-60	50-60
Golan	7-19	11-19
Nahariya	6-24	13-22
Safad	9-24	11-22
Haifa	13-24	15-22
Tiberias	11-23	13-20
Nazareth	10-21	12-20
Afula	11-20	13-20
Shimon	11-22	13-20
Tel Aviv	7-27	14-25
B-G Airport	7-27	14-25
Jericho	12-25	15-23
Gaza	12-20	14-24
Beer Sheva	8-28	16-24
Eilat	17-29	20-28
Tiran	19-30	21-28

## Social and Personal

Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Jewish Agency Executive chairman Yosef Almog were the guest speakers at the dedication of Sisselman Village at the Ramot Shapira World Youth Academy in the Judean Hills yesterday. The village, composed of stone cottage dormitories for Israeli and Diaspora young people who study Jewish values and culture at Ramot Shapira, honours philanthropists Jerome and Lorraine Sisselman. Also present was Rabbi Ya'acov Vainstein, president of Ramot Shapira.

The State Comptroller, Dr. I.E. Nembash, last week received Sheikh Amin Tarif, spiritual head of the country's Druze community.

Prof. Yigael Yadin will open an archaeological exhibition at the Israel Museum today, summing up six years of excavation in the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

Joseph Strelitz, of Norfolk, Virginia, has been elected vice-chairman of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University, and designated president of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University.

Jonathan Gestetner, co-chairman of the Gestetner Corporation, yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute.

The Frank Rind Sports Centre was dedicated during the eighth meeting of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University, in the presence of Sylvia Rind and members of her family and friends. The centre is named in honour of Mrs. Rind's late husband, who was a prominent sportsman in England and a supporter of sports activities.

Philip F. Cohen, president of Oceana Publications, N.Y., will lecture on recent trends in law-book publishing to a group of law librarians, at Bar-Ilan University, today, at 12 noon.

## ARRIVALS

Minister without Portfolio Gideon Hausner, from a United Israel Appeal mission to England and France.

HABAD HASSIDIM yesterday celebrated the 74th birthday of their leader, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, by visiting dozens of settlements and army camps and holding festive meetings in all Habad centres. Their gift to their Rebbe was a promise to try and assure that every Jewish child in the world receives a Jewish education.

## Dr. SAMUEL B. HURWICH

(formerly of Toronto, Canada)

has passed away.

The funeral will leave Sanhedriya for Har Hamenuhot, Jerusalem, on April 13, at 2 p.m.

ETHEL AND AARON SHAFFER  
AND THE FAMILY

The Yiddish Culture Association of Jerusalem deeply mourns the passing of its esteemed president

## Dr. SAMUEL B. HURWICH

and expresses profound sympathy to the bereaved family.

The funeral will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, April 13, leaving from Sanhedria at 2.00 p.m.

All friends and colleagues at CBS News express deep condolences to

ALEX BEN-DOR

on the passing of his

FATHER

## MOSHE SICHOUK

Chairman of our Association

is no more.

Our sympathies to the bereaved family and the members of Kibbutz Givat Brenner.

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Thousands of pilgrims from abroad joined local Christians in the annual Palm Sunday processions yesterday, commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Carrying palm branches and chanting hymns, members of the Latin churches wind their way down the Mount of Olives from Bethpage, outside Jerusalem, to enter the Old City through St. Stephen's Gate.

## Civil service talks end in deadlock

The first of two meetings scheduled between Finance Minister Rabinowitz and trade union leaders over civil service wages ended in deadlock last night. The second meeting will take place in Jerusalem this afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

Subject of the argument was the Barkai Committee's recommendation that the "specific allowance," currently paid to 18,000 Government employees, be abolished. Representatives of the civil servants concerned refused to sacrifice a single agora of the allowance at yesterday's talks, observers say.

Unless agreement can be achieved at tomorrow's session, Rabinowitz will convene party institutions to settle the matter one way or another. "He wants to give the instructions for the computer wage sheets for April's salary sheets before Pessah," the Treasury spokesman stated.

The union side was split in three. The civil servants who do not get the allowance want the Barkai recommendations applied by April 20 at the latest — otherwise they will summon their action committees to discuss the next step.

The Histadrut representatives, headed by Uriel Abrahamowitz, chairman of the Trade Union De-

## High Court seizes Lipovsky property

The High Court of Justice yesterday ordered the seizure of all property owned by Gideon Lipovsky, until the latter returns his nine-year-old son, Micha, to his mother.

Mrs. Lipovsky has returned meanwhile to the United States. Police have turned up no traces as yet of the whereabouts of father or son in the five-month kidnap mystery. The missing defendant has had his IL250,000 Rehovot flat transferred into receivership, and was ordered to pay IL3,000 lawyer's fees to the mother's attorney. (Ttm)

## Jubilee today in Bat Yam

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BAT YAM.—This city—Israel's fifth largest—will begin its 50 anniversary celebrations today with a day-long visit by President Ephraim Katzir.

During the visit President Katzir will receive the freedom of the city. He will attend a special meeting of the City Council, address high school pupils and reply to their questions, and be the mayor's dinner guest.

Bat Yam was founded in 1926 and was called Bayit Vagan for the first 11 years. Its settlers suffered greatly by being cut off from Tel Aviv by a hostile Arab Jaffa which lay between them. Bat Yam was the site of a great struggle during the War of Independence. Today, with some 130,000 residents in an area of 7,000 dunams, it is Israel's most densely populated city.

As preparations for the celebrations were made, sanitation workers declared a labour dispute over demands that the city reduce the amount of clean-up work awarded to a contractor and pay them premiums to perform it instead. The city wants to reduce their number from 64 to 50, they say. The city is expected to be clean today — in honour of the President — all the same.

## Katzir awards Shazar Prizes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jewish institutions in Australia, Venezuela, Panama and the U.S. last night shared the fifth annual Shazar Prize for Jewish education in the Diaspora. President Ephraim Katzir made the awards at Beit Hanassi.

The Mount Scopus School in Melbourne, the largest Jewish school in Australia with over 2,200 pupils, received an award of IL5,000 for its "outstanding educational work" especially its extracurricular activities which include a club for spoken Hebrew.

The Latin American prize was divided between the Jewish Community School in Caracas, which is attended by 80 per cent of the Jewish youngsters in that city, and the Einstein School in Panama, which encompasses all Jewish children in that country.

U.S. prize winners were Massad summer camps, which began in 1941 with 23 campers and now take over 900 every year.

Representatives of the schools came to Israel specially for the ceremony, and responded to the President's address in fluent Hebrew.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death in Westcliff, England, of my beloved husband, our father

## HERMAN DEUTSCH

The coffin will be brought to Ben-Gurion Airport on El-Al flight 1316 today, Monday, April 12, and burial will be at the Viahnitz Yeshiva Cemetery Bnei Brak approximately one hour after arrival.

Mrs. IDA DEUTSCH  
Mrs. FRANCES KOPALOFF (London)  
Dr. ALEX DEUTSCH (Kfar Saba)

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Mr. Kurt Shimon Levy

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## Cabinet Security Committee formed

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would be on the Committee, and there was reason to suppose that Bar-Lev had been similarly informed. Yairiv said he never doubted for a moment that Bar-Lev should be on the body.

The reports about Bar-Lev's threatened resignation appear to stem from ex-Radi circles. That section of Labour has only one man on the Committee — Pines, whereas the Abud Ha'avoda section has two — Alon and Galili, and the Mapai section has five: Rabin, Bar-Lev, Hillel, Zadok and Rabinowitz.

Rabin said at yesterday's session that the creation of the Committee, with its clearly defined powers, did not detract from the authority of the full Cabinet and from its supreme authority in security matters. He announced that he would continue in the future to bring major security issues to the full Cabinet for discussion and decision.

Fourteen months ago the Cabinet said the new Security Committee would function as one of its many auxiliary arms like any other Cabinet committee. The Agranat Yom Kippur War Inquiry Commission recommended it be set up as a permanent institution. Former Premier Golda Meir's Cabinet accepted the recommendation in principle, and bequeathed it to Rabin's Government, which found it simpler to draft the body's constitution, prerogatives and working procedures, than to name its membership.

The Cabinet Security Committee is empowered to reach decisions in three main spheres: the Israel Defence Forces and defence research

and development; military operations; and intelligence, including intelligence activities involving issues of principle.

The laws of official secrecy affect the convening of the Security Committee, the content of its meetings and its decisions.

All the Cabinet Ministers have the right to read the minutes of Security Committee meetings, within the Cabinet Secretary's bureau. Any Minister can appeal a Security Committee decision, and his appeal can be heard within the Committee or at the full Cabinet. But an appeal against a Security Committee decision does not delay the implementation of that decision, unless the Prime Minister expressly orders that delay.

The full Cabinet will continue to function as a Security Committee from time to time, whereupon the general nature of its discussions will usually be announced but the details classified.

In another decision, the Cabinet yesterday approved new and stricter procedures for making sure that Government offices keep their classified material safe from prying eyes and leaks. The procedures were drafted by an ad hoc committee appointed by Prime Minister Rabin and headed by State Attorney Gabriel Bach. It included a representative of the Shin Bet domestic security agency. The Cabinet communiqué said that Bach's recommendations, while classified, were intended to make civil servants more alert to the regulations and to make sure that they were implemented throughout every branch of the administration.



Artur Rubinstein rehearsing at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'Ooma yesterday.

## 'Egged firm must sell property immediately'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Egged-owned company operating bus terminals and other facilities must immediately sell its properties to private buyers or to the Government to raise the money needed for the bus cooperatives to operate for the next few months.

This is one of the steps proposed by the Golomb Committee, appointed by the Government to resolve the financial ills of the cooperative. The committee submitted a memorandum to the Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday. The ministerial committee will continue its discussions of the memorandum tomorrow.

The memorandum states that the Golomb Committee will be able to submit its final conclusions and recommendations only in August. Meanwhile, during the next two months alone, Egged will need IL200m. To overcome this, says the committee, the properties must be sold immediately, with the proceeds to be loaned to Egged in interest-free and unlinked, at least until the committee completes its work.

Egged will then pay rent for use of the facilities, with the expense being included as a factor in determining fares — as is done for expenses paid by Egged on facilities it does not own. Rent will be controlled by the Transport Ministry.

This will still leave a monthly deficit of about IL5m. — half of which will be borne by Egged members through cuts in monthly salary and benefits and economy in expenditures. The other half will be provided by a fare increase or a Government subsidy, if it should refuse to raise fares. This arrangement will continue in force until the deficit is solved.

Until the committee finishes its work, none of the elements making up Egged's income or its members' wages will be changed, except for the cost-of-living increments paid. Meanwhile, the IL100m. Egged owes the Government will remain an interest-free loan. (This is part of a IL180m. loan of which IL50m. is due Egged in subsidies.)

Since management problems may immobilize the cooperative even while these measures are being taken, the committee feels additional interim financial aid should be provided if Egged agrees to implement all these recommendations, and if steps are taken to do so.

## New market result of Arab strike

UPPER NAZARETH.—One of the results of last month's general strike in Arab Nazareth is the establishment of a new outdoor market in the adjoining Jewish township.

Arab grocers have asked Upper Nazareth Mayor Mordechai Alon to close the market, which apparently is cutting into their business. Manned by both Arabs and Jews, the market is located in a vacant lot near the Rasco Centre and offers fruits, vegetables and clothing.

Mayor Alon told The Jerusalem Post, "Those who helped organize the Arab strike ought to have taken into account that the residents of Upper Nazareth couldn't go on buying downtown."

## Syria checks with Israel

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In Damascus, who then passes the information to U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Tonin in Tel Aviv, who in turn relays it to the Israel Government.

"The United States is never able to present Damascus with an Israel guarantee to stay out, but it reportedly has been able to delineate for the Syrians approximately what they can do without producing an Israeli invasion of undefended southern Lebanon," according to the "Star" report written by diplomatic correspondent Jeremiah O'Leary.

O'Leary is highly regarded here for his excellent sources of information in the State Department. He was once approached by Secretary of State Kissinger to be his press spokesman but O'Leary turned down the offer.

He said that disclosure of the U.S. steps to permit Syria to gauge Israeli reaction "goes a long way toward explaining why Israel, despite subtle-rattling warnings against outside intervention in Lebanon, has not reacted more forcibly."

U.S. officials said that there is no doubt, however, that Israel would move quickly to send troops into southern Lebanon if Syrian forces made any attempt to occupy areas

near Mt. Hermon or any area south of the main Beirut-Damascus road.

"The U.S. sees several advantages to encouraging modest Syrian intervention and Israeli restraint: the hope of defusing the chaos in Lebanon before it spreads into another round of war involving the main Middle East powers being the most obvious," O'Leary said.

It was also pointed out that the U.S. believes that if the Syrians are preoccupied with the Lebanon situation they would permit the UNDOF mandate, which expires on May 30, to be extended without difficulty.

"While the Israelis do not publicly announce that they have acquiesced to Syria's attempts to enforce peace in Lebanon, U.S. officials say it is clearly in Israel's interest to have Lebanon stabilized," the report noted.

"The United States is convinced the Syrians have no purpose in mind except to defuse the Lebanese powder keg, and has made the point forcefully with Israeli leaders," it added, pointing out that Syrian President Assad has been given high marks for responsible conduct during the crisis. "The Israeli restraint," the report said, "also is quietly applauded."

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## Shemtov fails to have Jericho march banned

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Mapam's Minister of Health Victor Shemtov failed yesterday in his bid to have Gush Emunim's Pessah march to Jericho banned by the Cabinet. All the Labour Party and NRP ministers voted against Shemtov's proposal, while the two ILF men, Moshe Kol and Gideon Hausner, abstained.

Defence Minister Shimon Peres explained that he had licensed the march because its organizers had pledged to stay clear of inhabited areas, to avoid inciting the local people, and not to attempt to set up any unauthorized settlements.

Shemtov argued that the march was in fact a "political demonstration" and therefore inappropriate at this time.

The march is scheduled to start next Sunday, with participants to converge on the Jericho hills from all parts of the country and march together towards Jericho.

(See Gush Emunim, page 3)

## Workers donate pay to State

Jerusalem Post Staff and Tim

The 500 employees of Solei Boneh's asphalt work division yesterday informed Premier Yitzhak Rabin they were contributing two days pay each to the Treasury, to make up for the interim aid withheld by the U.S.

They urged the Histadrut and the entire country to follow suit. Solei Boneh's spokesman said other divisions of Solei Boneh are organizing a drive for similar contributions.

Meanwhile, workers in all sectors of the nation's economy and members of the Histadrut labour federation were last night called upon to increase work productivity to strengthen the nation's economic independence and obviate the necessity of the interim aid grant from the United States.

The call was issued by the labour federation's central committee, and was proposed by Yerubam Meshel, Secretary-General of the Histadrut.

A group of individuals from Tel Aviv, Haifa and Netanya yesterday advertised they were contributing sums ranging from IL750 to IL10,000 for the same purpose, and called on others to make contributions by pledging them to P.O. Box 4397, Tel Aviv. Workers at the Crystal soft-drink company also announced they were contributing IL10,000, and poet Haim Guri called on journalists to donate a day's pay.

A DEMOLITION ORDER from the Eastern Galilee Town Planning Committee was carried out yesterday at the Arab village of Ein Mahil, near Nazareth, on a kiosk illegally constructed by the brother of the local council chairman.



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## Segal denies fraud charges

TEL AVIV. — A Haifa rabbinical court judge, Rabbi Haim Segal, yesterday denied charges of fraudulent dealing, transfer of foreign currency outside the country, and passing foreign currency to an unauthorized individual.

Hearing the case in District Court were Judges Max Kenneth, Elisha Shelnbaum and Ze'ev Lotan. The three-man court was necessitated by the fact that the charge against Rabbi Segal falls within the category of the Rabbinical Judges Law.

The day's attorneys have asked for an early trial date to enable their client to present his version of the matter.

The charge sheet, drawn up by the Attorney-General, states that the defendant appeared in over a score of travel bureaus during December 1975 and January 1976, announcing on 31 different occasions that he planned to travel to Cyprus with his family. In this manner he was allotted \$450 for each adult and \$350 per child for each trip. The prosecution claims that the rabbi had no intention of travelling abroad at all. Hence he received over \$40,000 by fraudulent means.

He is charged, in addition, with having had his wife, an American citizen, pass on more than \$2,000 to stock exchange brokers in New York, and an additional \$15,000 to a relative in the United States.



The stairs leading to the Western Wall Plaza from the Street of the Chain were closed yesterday as workmen began demolishing the structure seen in the picture. A large crack had appeared in the wall facing the steps, apparently the result of seeping sewage. Pedestrian traffic to the Western Wall was rerouted via the Jewish Quarter. (Elihu Harati)

## Vorsters spend Palm Sunday at holy sites

South African Prime Minister John Vorster and his wife Trini spent Palm Sunday visiting Christian sites in Jerusalem and Galilee. They first attended prayers at the Garden Tomb in Nablus Road, then visited the Mount of Olives.

As the Vorsters stood viewing the panorama below them, a group of tourists from South Africa's Natal province drove up in a minibus, spotted their Prime Minister and began singing the South African national anthem, in Afrikaans.

The Prime Minister turned to the tourists, took off his hat and stood silently. He then walked over to the dozen tourists and started shaking hands. "This is a very emotional moment for me," he was quoted as saying in Afrikaans. "I appreciate it very much."

The Vorsters next visited the Garden of Gethsemane and then drove to the Western Wall.

AVRAHAM SOLOMON has been appointed chairman of Shimul's executive. He replaces Mordechai Virshupsky, who completed his term of office.

## Ein Zeitim gets 300-dunam park

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EIN ZEITIM. — A large outdoor recreation center, claimed to be one of the most advanced of its kind in the world, was opened here yesterday by the Jewish National Fund and the Education Ministry.

The 300-dunam center contains more than 20 installations for active exercise fun, constructed largely from wood. A large number of Upper Galilee schoolchildren and teachers, already on their Pessah recess, took part in the opening.

Tuvia Ashbel, the JNF's director of afforestation for the north, said the center will be part of a 15,000-dunam national forest along the Safad-Dalton road. Armand Lans, head of the Belgian national sports council, and Mrs. Lans attended the opening ceremony.

## BACKGROUND REPORT

## ANAN SAFADI

# How the West Bank vote works

OVER 88,000 voters in West Bank urban areas are eligible for today's municipal elections in 22 major cities and townships in the territory. The first topic of interest will be how many of the voters will turn out; the second, which of the 514 candidates will be elected to fill the 188 council seats — in light of the attempts by groups of "Young Turks" to take over the leadership in their home towns.

Today's is the second municipal vote to be held under Israel's aegis. In many respects it differs from the previous one.

The first elections were conducted in the summer of 1972, five years after Israel took the West Bank. The last municipal elections before that were held under Jordanian rule in September 1968, so the poll should have taken place in September 1967. But holding elections so soon after the Six Day War was considered impossible, and the mandate of the incumbent municipal councils was extended by military decree.

The military government decision to call for the first municipal elections in 1972 marked what many observers viewed as an historical precedent, as free elections in occupied territory were highly unusual. It was noted at the time that no such vote had ever taken place under occupation, except for the August 1919 municipal elections held in the Rhine, which was then a type of occupied territory.

Then, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan aimed in 1972 to emphasize democracy and enable the population to maintain a life style similar to that which prevailed prior to the 1967 war.

The military administration at the time sought to shoulder its responsibility for the restoration of public order and vital services in accordance with the Hague Convention on the Rules and Customs of War on Land (1907) and the Fourth Geneva Convention on the

Protection of Civilians in Time of War (1949). It was the view of the Israeli authorities that local authorities played the main role in safeguarding civilian needs in the West Bank, whose population now numbers over 670,000. The administration sought to hand over to them as much responsibility as possible, along with assistance in discharging that responsibility.

Despite intimidation by Arab governments, including Egypt and Jordan, and by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), a surprising 85% of the voters turned out for the 1972 municipal elections, which were carried out in complete accordance with the Jordanian laws still in effect in the West Bank.

Under Jordanian law, the vote was then confined to male taxpayers. Voters were qualified as long as they were holders of Jordanian citizenship, at least 21 years of age, residents of the municipality for a period of at least one year prior to the election, payers of property tax (or any municipal tax) in the amount of at least one dinar a year, and of sound mind.

Persons were eligible to stand for election provided they fulfilled the above requirements and, in addition, were literate, not officials or members of another municipal council, had never been convicted of criminal or moral charge, and had never been bankrupt. (The minimum age for contenders was 25, not 21.)

On election day each voter is identified at the polling station and then given a ballot listing the names of the candidates (there may be from seven to 15, in accordance with the size of the council). The voter indicates his choice of candidates on the ballot carrying the signature of the chairman of the local polling committee, and then places it in the ballot box under the scrutiny of a member of the polling committee.

Any voter who is illiterate may request a member of the polling

committee to fill out the ballot for him, according to his instructions.

Where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of council seats, the nominees are legally elected without a vote, as is the case in two West Bank townships now.

Under Jordanian law, the mayor is appointed by the Minister of the Interior, though the Israeli authorities have avoided exercising this right and preferred to have the mayor elected by a majority in the council.

All of these Jordanian election regulations are in force for today's elections, except for an amendment which Defence Minister Shimon Peres has recently introduced, giving the vote to women and to other persons designated by the chief taxpayer in a family or business. The expansion of the franchise has tripled the number of voters from 31,746 in 1972 to 88,341 in today's elections. This includes 32,997 women.

All indications are that the amendment is to the disadvantage of the traditionalist, conservative camp and to the advantage of the radicals seeking to gain power. The radicals are evidently counting on the younger generation, as well as on a good deal of the female voters since the traditionalists are reluctant to let their women vote.

Radicals are thus expected to win sweeping victories in the larger towns; but, contrary to the general belief, this will not necessarily mean a pro-PLO takeover. The radical camp includes independent-minded Communists and Ba'athists, with the former orientated to Moscow and the latter to Damascus, rather than to the PLO.

The effect and wisdom of Peres' amendment will only be assessed properly after today's election returns are in, and after the extent of the emergent extremism has been measured in terms of council seats.

## GUNMAN

(Continued from page 1)

which is released by one of the clips that lock the case.

The gun is almost certainly fitted with a silencer, to reduce noise and muzzle flash. (The latest victim, Kemper Hornish, is reported as saying he heard the whine of the bullet, but he apparently made no mention of gunfire.)

Theories about the identity of the assailant tend to focus around the belief that he is mentally disturbed, though in the opinion of one psychiatrist, he may never have been hospitalized. Dr. Reuven Meir, of the Be'er Yaakov hospital, told The Jerusalem Post that this type of episode usually occurs before hospitalization.

Dr. Meir added that while certain aspects of the shootings suggest a sexual deviancy — for example, the fact that all the victims are young people and were shot in the region of the buttocks — there were not enough facts available for a psychiatrist to diagnose the precise nature of the mental disturbance.

Meanwhile, police investigators have obtained lists of escapees from mental hospitals and of former psychiatric patients who are considered capable of actions of this type.

The interior ministry records of firearms licensees are not likely to be of much help to the investigators. According to a ministry spokesman, about 90,000 people are licensed to possess weapons, and 22 guns and rifles are very popular.

The ministry spokesman told a questioner that when someone with a history of mental illness asks for a license, his application is passed on to the Ministry of Health, where his fitness to carry a gun is decided.

Police have asked members of the public to be alert and to report any suspicious individuals or occurrences. They have reiterated their request that anyone who thinks he has relevant information should come forward.

## Top seeds reach quarter-finals in junior tennis championships

By JACK LEON  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — All eight top seeds by yesterday had reached their allotted places in the boys' under-18 singles quarter-finals of the Pessah national junior tennis championships here. The meet, which started last Tuesday on Tel Aviv's Haguel and Masabi Tennis courts, has a record entry of more than 260 boys and girls from Dan to Eilat.

The line-up in the quarters is Pini v. Gera, Goldberg v. Israeli, Wertheimer v. Frischer and Ben-Re' v. Machnes. In the two closest matches of the "round of 16," Goldberg was taken to 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 by Bergman. Machnes had to win two tie-break sets to edge out Bialer 7-6, 7-6.

There was an upset in the boys' under-18 singles at the same stage, when fourth-seeded Sahar was beaten 7-5, 6-3 by Avi Green. But the three top seeds — Frischer, Machnes and Ronny Green (Avi's

cousin) all won their matches to come through safely to the last eight.

Ronit Heller, winner of the Pessah girls' under-18 singles for the past three years, yesterday started the defence of her title with an easy 6-1, 6-0 victory over Limor Golan. Seeded behind Ronit are Tali Har-dut, Hava Coriat and Tami Levin.

The huge entry, shortage of courts and rain on the opening day have all combined to make it impossible to complete the championships tomorrow, as somewhat optimistically scheduled. It is now hoped to finish the meet by Friday. The Jerusalem Post was informed yesterday by Israel Lawn Tennis Association youth committee chairman Moshe Gluckstein and tournament manager Yitzhak Farnet.

The youngsters will have to vacate the Masabi Tennis courts tomorrow, when the club hosts the first of the three tournaments in Israel's international spring tennis circuit.

## Belgium beats Israel 3-1 in Spring Volleyball Tournament

By JACK LEON  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Sportsmen from Belgium on Saturday night scored their second victory against Israel in 24 hours, when they pulled off a 3-1 win over the Israelis (9-15, 15-8, 15-5, 15-10) in Afeka in the opening final-round matches of the Spring Volleyball Tournament. The earlier Belgian success was in the European Women's Basketball Championship preliminaries in Jerusalem, with the hosts going down 61-67. (See story below.)

The other winner in the first round of the 13-nation volleyball festival was Holland, which defeated Spain in straight sets (15-8, 15-5, 15-9).

The finals of the 15th Annual Volleyball Cup continued last night at Afeka's Beit Hacholim and will conclude this evening at the Yad Eliahu Sports Palace here, starting at 6 p.m. The event is being played throughout on a league basis.

In the tournament for fifth to eight places at Emek Hefer, West Germany beat France 3-0 and Finland got home 3-2 against Greece. (In the preliminaries, Greece de-

feated England 3-0, and not the reverse, as reported last week.)

Denmark scored two wins in the meet to decide the ninth to 13th positions, which is also being held at Emek Hefer. The Danes beat England 3-2 and Scotland 3-0. Portugal registered their first success of the competition, with a straight-set triumph over Luxembourg.

## Holland, Belgium place in women's basketball

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Holland and Belgium on Saturday night qualified for the finals of the Women's European Basketball Championships, but Israel's girl hoopers will stay at home.

Holland beat Israel 83-65 at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, following Belgium's win over the Israeli girls 67-61 the previous night. Holland finished top among the four nations competing for two places in the European finals, amassing 6 points, with Belgium in second spot with 5 points. Israel won 4 points, and England was fourth with 3 points.

## Gush Emunim trumpet at Jericho

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Gush Emunim leaders declared yesterday that their "Bretz Yisrael" march to Jericho next week will not be a cover for a new settlement attempt.

But Hanan Porat, addressing a press conference here, accused the Government of being "totally impotent" in settling the West Bank. He said, "We won't be able to hold back much longer."

The orthodox-led movement is now focussing on settling Jericho and Jebel Mukatem, on the Ramallah-Latrun road. The movement's leaders said some 300 people want to live near Jericho. About 1,500 people want to settle on Jebel Mukatem.

The march was timed to influence a Government debate on settlement in the West Bank, Gershon Shafat told another press conference, held simultaneously (for foreign correspondents). The Cabinet debate is expected in another few weeks. "We

wouldn't rush if we hadn't known of negotiations between the U.S. and Jordan" which envisage returning the Jericho area, he said.

The movement's leaders said they expected 60,000-70,000 people to participate in a rally on Sunday evening. Earlier on Sunday, the marchers are to walk the 18 kilometres from Bethel (north of Ramallah) to Kochav Hashahar. The following day they will complete the 14 kilometres to Jericho. Some 500-600 buses will then take the marchers home.

The march will pass "on the fringe" of Yabrud and near Kafir Malik, Avraham Mintz said. Both are Moslem villages. Gush Emunim has undertaken "not to enter yards or homes," according to Porat.

Mintz pointed out that the army has taken responsibility for security. But in leaflets and advertisements Gush Emunim has suggested that marchers who own arms bring them along.

A WOMEN'S VOLUNTEER organization has been founded in Eilat, to assist the large number of tourist visitors there. The new group is headed by the wife of the mayor, Varda Katz, and will provide information and arrange for home meetings with the local population.

A HAIFA MAGISTRATE yesterday remanded Aharon Boshri in six days' custody on suspicion of complicity in the recent theft of 250 watches, worth IL170,000, from a Shalev store on Rehov Pessah. Police said Boshri had been seen loitering in the area on the day before the robbery.

the draw is on Tuesday 1st prize about IL 800,000

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## Rehovot bribe suspect out on bail

TEL AVIV. — A third suspect in the alleged Rehovot bribery case was brought before the Magistrates Court here to be remanded yesterday, but the court released him on IL45,000 bail after the police said they were still uncertain who the bribe recipient was.

The suspect, Yosef Dafani, a former real estate agent, was alleged to have acted as an intermediary for two Rehovot contractors who allegedly paid IL30,000 in bribes to an unnamed party in City Hall. The two contractors were remanded by the Magistrates Court for six days each on Friday, but have appealed to the District Court to set bail for them.

Dafani's lawyer told the court the entire bribe story originated with a contractor who swore to take revenge against Mayor Shmuel Rothenman, after the builder was sent to jail for building offences. The lawyer said the police had obtained a statement from the city engineer saying the construction of the two suspects held was not in violation of the codes, hence they had no need to offer bribes.

The police representative, pressed by the court, reluctantly conceded that such a statement had been made, but the police did not trust the city engineer's statement and were investigating suspicions against him as well.

The District Court, meanwhile, rejected the appeal by the two suspected contractors against their remand, saying the lower court based its order on some evidence the police presented. The contractors' lawyer, during the appeal, named the accuser as Jamil Arian (Ariel), one of three brothers operating the Ariel contracting firm and a former member of the Rehovot City Council, who was sentenced to nine months in prison for building offences last year. (Him)

## Child saved as 140 offer blood

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A three-year-old child, whose life was endangered by complications brought on by chicken pox, is now off the critical list, thanks to the speedy response of potential blood donors to a midnight radio broadcast Saturday night. The child is being treated at the Soroka Medical Centre in Beersheba.

Within half an hour of the appeal for blood from persons of the child's blood type who had had chicken pox, some 140 persons contacted the hospital. The transfusion came from a young girl from Kibbutz Mashabei Sadeh.

## Woman injured by hand grenade

TEL AVIV. — An army hand grenade was tossed Saturday night at the home of Ze'ev Liebovitch, 16 Rehov Seren David, Rahot Chen. Damage was extensive, and Aliza Liebovitch was slightly injured.

Ze'ev Liebovitch was the partner of Yehoshua Avivi, whose parents' house was the scene of an explosion last November.

Police believe that Saturday's explosion may have arisen over differences between the former business partners. No arrests have been made yet.

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## Around the world

## India supports anti-Apartheid fight

NEW DELHI. — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said here yesterday India would support liberation movements in southern Africa by all possible means in their struggle against apartheid, racism and minority regimes. In a joint communique with visiting President Sir Seretse Khama of Botswana, she also supported the stand taken by Mozambique in applying sanctions against Rhodesia. The two leaders also said no true settlement could be found to the Middle East problem without Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab lands. (Reuter)

## 'World Bank aided Chile rightists'

WASHINGTON. — The World Bank has rejected charges by a leading U.S. Congressman that it lent \$33m. to shore up the right-wing dictatorship in Chile. Henry Reuss, a Wisconsin Democrat and chairman of the House of Representatives Banking Committee said it appeared the World Bank approved the loan to help the country's military government. "One is left with the unhappy conclusion that the Bank succumbed to political pressure to shore up an inhuman right-wing dictatorship tottering on the edge of bankruptcy," Reuss said in a letter to World Bank president Robert McNamara. McNamara replied that the loan would help Chile. He said the World Bank had also aided Chile when Salvador Allende was President. (Reuter)

## Two Rhodesian soldiers slain

SALISBURY, Rhodesia. — Two black Rhodesian soldiers were killed and six others injured in an ambush by guerrillas in Rhodesia's north-eastern border region, it was announced here yesterday. Rhodesian forces who pursued the guerrillas, fighting for majority rule in the country, killed one and captured several others together with a quantity of arms, according to Rhodesian security forces' headquarters. (AP)

## Israel wins two Asian golds

BANGKOK. — Chinese weightlifters took the lead in the battle for gold medals after five of the nine divisions in the third Asian weightlifting federation championships were concluded here yesterday. The competition in flyweight, bantamweight, featherweight, lightweight and middleweight completed. China have won four golds, South Korea and Thailand three each. Israel and Pakistan 2 each and Japan one. Israel's golds were both won by Soviet immigrant Edward Weitz in the featherweight event. (Reuter)

## Argentine politician killed

BUENOS AIRES. — Gunmen shot and killed a leader of the centrist Intransigent Party on Saturday in the city of San Luis, 888 kms. west of here. Police said Raimundo Dante Bodo was killed in front of his house by three men, two wearing hoods. The Intransigent Party is a splinter group of the radical Civil Union, Argentina's second largest political movement after the Peronist party. All the political parties have been banned by the military junta that seized power last month. (UPI)

## Oil firms 'bribed' Italians

LONDON. — The British government is investigating embarrassing reports that three major oil companies — including one that is state-owned — bought political favours in Italy by making large contributions secretly to political parties there. Several British newspapers reported varying sums as having been paid to Italian officials by British Petroleum, Shell Oil and Esso. According to documents reprinted in the London "Sunday Times," \$4.75m. (£1.70m.) were paid in one 12-month period in 1971-72. (Reuter)

## U.S. Navy trained dolphin 'spy'

NEW YORK. — The U.S. Navy trained a dolphin to enter Havana harbour with a device designed to measure a Soviet nuclear ship's efficiency, the Long Island newspaper "Newsday" reported yesterday. The Navy and the Central Intelligence Agency also trained dolphins in trying to recover an unexploded nuclear bomb that fell from a navy plane near Puerto Rico, the newspaper said. (UPI)

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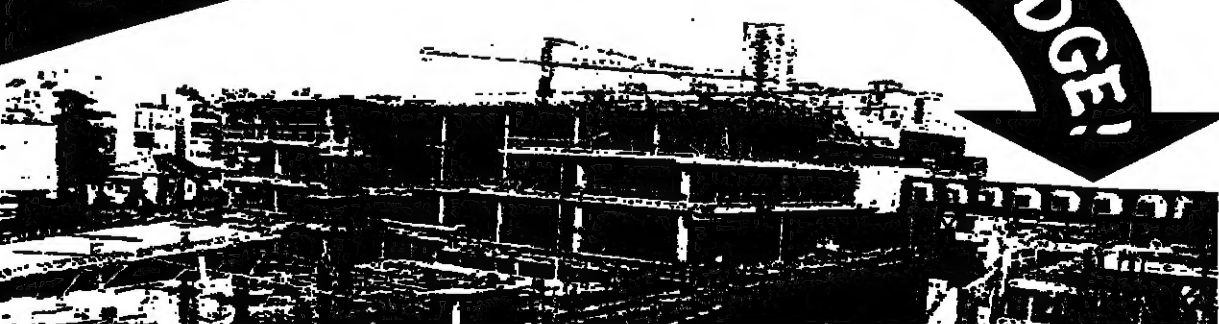


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Hundreds held in Laos  
'cultural revolution'

VIENTIANE. — Hundreds of people have been detained during the last 48 hours in the first Laotian "cultural revolution" under the pro-Communist Pathet Lao, informed sources said yesterday. Many of the detainees were understood to be foreigners, mainly Vietnamese or Chinese residents here. The sources said Laotian security forces had put the detainees under guard in various houses in Vientiane's four principal districts. The sources said Laos was in the grip of a cultural revolution similar to that which swept China in 1966. The national radio yesterday quoted Information Minister Sisana Si-

san as saying the new policy was to teach city dwellers how to follow the Pathet Lao's revolutionary line. Before the wave of detentions began, the authorities made it clear at meetings of workers and professional organizations that four categories of people would be invited to attend special "teach-ins." These were unemployed juvenile delinquents and trouble-makers, gamblers and drug addicts, those who failed to have adequate reason for not attending revolutionary seminars, and prostitutes and people of bad behaviour who preferred a depraved and reactionary way of life — including Western styles of hair, dress and manners. (Reuter)

Libya scores Tunisia,  
Egypt as 'police states'

TRIPOLI. — Libyan Leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi has accused Egypt and Tunisia of mounting propaganda campaigns against Libya and of being police states, the Libyan news agency Arna said yesterday.

In an address to a rally here on Saturday, Gaddafi said the rulers of the two countries were "living in a police-state age," the agency reported. He said their media intended to give a false picture of what was going on in Libya to show that their governments' attitudes were sound and genuine, Arna added. The Libyan people supported the country's September revolution, as did other "Arab masses outside Libya," but they were "helpless because of the police-state regimes." The Libyan leader called for "more severe revolutionary attitudes against revolution enemies inside and outside the republic," Arna said. Some 250 students were badly injured in clashes between loyalists to Gaddafi and students critical of his regime, Egypt said last week. The university of Tripoli, scene of the unrest, has been closed by the government following the riots in which campus laboratories were set afire, the Egyptian Middle East News Agency reported. The incidents occurred on Wednesday following a speech by Libyan Premier Abdel Salam Jalloud announcing the start of "popular revolutions in Libyan universities to rid them of bourgeois and leftist elements," the report said. Jalloud's announcement came a few days after a commentary by Tripoli Radio that the "Libyan revolution is facing challenges by reactionary elements predominant in universities," reports reaching here said. (Reuter, AP)

## Sadat extends Vienna visit

VIENNA. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday extended his unofficial visit to Austria for another day to continue talks on the Middle East and joint Austrian-Egyptian projects with Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, government officials said. Sadat, who arrived on Saturday on the final leg of a five-nation European tour, will have another meeting with Kreisky today before returning to Cairo tomorrow, a day later than originally scheduled. Sadat told reporters in Vienna he was "very happy" with the treatment he received everywhere during his tour, but a communique issued

after his visit to Yugoslavia indicated that there was some disagreement with President Josip Tito. (The communique used the term "frankness" indicating a measure of disagreement between Sadat and Tito. It made no mention of military aid, although Yugoslavia said earlier it would consider supplying weapons to Egypt.)

In Austria, Sadat seeks stronger economic ties between the two countries and Austrian participation in industrial and engineering projects, such as a proposed tunnel under the Suez Canal.

"Kreisky is a great politician, he can solve almost anything," Sadat told reporters in Vienna. (UPI)

Chinese troops  
in rallies  
against Teng

HONG KONG. — One person was killed in rioting in a second major Chinese city last week, Peking Radio reported yesterday.

The official Chinese radio said the rioting was in Chengchow, capital of central China's Honan province. It was similar to that in Peking's Tien An Men Square which brought about the dismissal of Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping.

This was the first report from official Chinese sources that disturbances had occurred outside Peking. In Chengchow, as in Peking, demonstrators were paying respects to the late Premier Chou En-lai when the rioting erupted.

Officers and soldiers stationed throughout China have held gigantic rallies in the past few days to support the sacking of Teng Peking's Hsinhua news agency said yesterday.

The rallies also acclaimed the appointment of Hua Kuo-feng as Premier and first vice-chairman of the party Central Committee.

Hsinhua said the rallies supported the dismissal of Teng and denounced his "reactionary crimes and the crimes of a handful of class enemies in perpetrating the counter-revolutionary political incident at Tien An Men Square in the Chinese capital." (AP, UPI)

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## WORLD SCENE

## SASSON JACOBY

## Why Teng had to go



Mass rallies, some drawing more than 300,000 persons, have been held in five Chinese provinces during the past few days to condemn ousted vice-premier Teng Hsiao-ping. Photo shows a crowd in Tientsin. (AP radiophoto)

CHINA-WATCHERS THESE days belong to an unenviable breed and are certainly deserving of some pity. They are expected to produce detailed and up-to-the-minute reports on the political upheavals so typical of the Chinese mainland since it went Communist in 1949 and never more so than in the three months since Premier Chou En-lai died.

For this reason, many who deal with Chinese events tend to mix mystification in writing about them, perhaps because the subject is so full of question marks that they feel they must protect their reputations. The latest case in point was the firing — at long last — of Teng Hsiao-ping, once Chou's heir-apparent, and the object of a violent vilification campaign as the "capitalist-roader" in the preceding months — and the elevation to the premiership of Hua Kuo-feng, a comparative unknown to Westerners.

The move came with startling swiftness, only two days after the sudden eruption of violence by thousands of youths and students, one which was ostensibly spontaneous, and ostensibly to protect the removal of wreaths honouring Chou. First reaction in the West was one of caution. In one case, it caused this writer some amusement in reading a news report which reached his desk.

This particular news agency sought for some explanation of the Peking demonstration and applied for enlightenment to U.S. Senator Mike Mansfield. ("He is regarded as the Senate's leading authority on China and the Far East"). The worthy senator was then quoted as saying: "I don't know. I don't think anybody knows." At the time, not particularly enlightening, but which as the course of events proved two days later, eminently sensible.

THIS COLUMN DEALT with China six weeks ago in a continuing effort to present the Israeli reader with intelligible knowledge of what is going on in a country possessing a quarter of world's humanity. In the intervening period, it was evident that the internal struggle on the Chinese mainland sharpened, that the fuse there was still smoldering but that the nature of the blast and its extent were yet to be seen.

Until last Monday's Peking outbreak, it appeared that despite Teng being the target of criticism and abuse, the evidence was hardly conclusive that he and his followers had lost out. Otherwise, the Peking protest would not have taken place. It would be naive to say that the demonstration was spontaneous. Nothing spontaneous happens in the China of Mao Tse-tung. It was a question of who was behind the affair. The answer took only two days to come, and made it evident that the radicals — with Mao's unqualified support — could not wait to see such protests burgeon.

Oddly enough, one rather unnoticed report from the Taiwan capital of Taipei would bear some thinking on this point. It quoted a statement by Nationalist Chinese Premier Chiang Ching-kuo urging mainland Chinese "to seize the opportunity" to overthrow the Communist regime. But he added the curious statement that the people should do this in view of the "erupting violence in Peking and other strategic places."

No reports then mentioned such disturbances other than in Peking. Could there have been other violence elsewhere which prompted the quiet removal of Teng? Premier Chiang said similar violence had erupted in Shanghai, Wuhan and other major cities. Taiwan provides one of the main sources of intelligence about happenings on the Chinese mainland, and subsequent developments have generally tended to bear this out.

ALTHOUGH THE WORLD is aware that there are two groups struggling for power in China, it may be well to go over this again — for I am continually being asked the same question by Israelis who know

that I follow events in China. Both groups, the "radicals" led by Mao's wife Chiang Ching and her Shanghai followers and the "moderates" which was once led by Chou — and of course Teng — support the objectives of a revolution to create a classless Chinese Communist society in which all work selflessly for the collective.

But the questions now arise: to what extent must that process be slowed down in the interests of a programme for modernizing China — especially a disastrously — by the technocrats in order to get the maximum out of the Chinese masses? And to what degree must socialization bow to the exigencies of production?

And thus the lines were drawn. The pragmatists want a modern China first and a Marxist-Leninist China second. They want to buy foreign know-how, compromise with capitalists, give incentives to labour, mechanization before collectivization, an educational system turning out technocrats, and scientific research free of the obstruction of political dogma. The other side of course was outraged: any compromise with capitalism is anathema to it; nothing must deviate from the ideological process of building a classless society where political dedication would solve all problems and stimulate production.

During his lifetime, Chou was able to go along with the radicals for he was a master of compromise. But with his death, Teng was suddenly in the forefront — only three years after coming back from disgrace as the No. 2 enemy in the cultural revolution. Of course, he was not to be trusted, nor those clustering around him who had to be rehabilitated after the cultural revolution in order to bring order to chaos.

BY 1975 THE "MODERATES" were again wielding effective power and had the support of many military men who also had scores to settle with the conservatives who had shamed them 10 years ago. There was every prospect that all the innovations of the cultural revolution (launched by Mao to save his policy of "politics above all" so that it should not be sacrificed for production) would be thrown aside — and with them, all the militant leaders.

We now come to the crux of the whole matter. While Mao lived, the radicals could count on the physically feeble leader who still exercised unchallengeable authority. But the Chairman has little time to live and the radicals now see that they have to move fast. Their agitation began before Chou died but reached a crescendo after the Premier joined his ancestors.

Last week's events show that Mao is with his wife radicals and that they moved to dig themselves in while he is still with them. Teng is no more a nameless class enemy who had to bear the brunt of the sudden flash of ideological fury and it will be interesting to see what will happen now to the existing hierarchy in Peking.

Until last week it was obvious that both sides shrank from the brink of the political maelstrom, although the official press until recently warned that the "capitalist-roader leaders" still held great power in the party and predicted a coming "trial of strength." Which means that the "moderates" have not exactly been crushed. The fact that Teng was ignominiously stripped of all his posts, is however, balanced in typical Chinese fashion with the promise that he retained his party membership conditional on his future good behaviour.

The worst fear today is that Mao might die in the midst of the current purge. No one can foresee then what it might mean to world politics: for Chinese collaboration with the U.S. today is based on Chinese hostility to the Soviets — and there could be a good chance for Sino-Soviet detente after Mao's death.

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THE KEY to the inhibitor itself is protein synthesis. Both cells and viruses make proteins to reproduce, and Revel has shown that the inhibitor postulated by Taylor does indeed block the formation of viral proteins. He has gone far in explaining how this constitutes the protection afforded the cell.

Proteins are made through a process resembling a decoding mechanism. mRNAs (nucleic acids) are the pieces of sequential information, and components of the cell called ribosomes translate the code as they progress along the acids, forming proteins to order. The effect of the inhibitor, Revel discovered, is to block the progress of the ribosome at some stage in this translation sequence, as if by erasing required information.

"We have shown," says Revel, "that the inhibitor is doing something to tRNA (a group of RNA molecules). When we add specific tRNA to interferon-treated cells, the effect of the inhibitor is overcome, the progression of the ribosome will resume and viral protein synthesis occur. Thus our theory is that the inhibitor blocks viral protein synthesis by slowing down the use of tRNA, thereby halting the decoding progression of the ribosome."

Different species of tRNA exist in cells, and they vary with regard to amount; there are rare types in minor amounts, and others in relatively large amounts. Revel's theory is that viruses use a rare species of tRNA to protein synthesis; thus the ribosome must scan to find the appropriate tRNA, and that is when the inhibitor jumps in, blocking the translation process.

This gives a clue to one of the most puzzling but beautiful aspects of interferon. Why does the cell go on

SCIENCE / SIMSON CARLEBACH

## INHIBITING THE VIRUS

Simson Carlebach concludes his report on the anti-viral research being undertaken at the Weizmann Institute by Prof. Michel Revel and his team.

happily making its own proteins while the inhibitor is in effect? Revel's hypothesis is that the cell mainly requires major tRNA for its protein synthesis, thus the inhibitor hardly affects it at all.

REVEL IS NOW engaged in studying the link between the biochemical and genetic aspects of his interferon discoveries. "We have established two facts," he explains. "tRNA overcomes ribosome blockage by providing material necessary for viral replication, and chromosome 7 has a gene which eliminates the antiviral state. We conclude from that — and are now trying to prove — that the mechanism we see in the biochemistry of the cell at the level of tRNA, and what we see in the behavioural genetic level regarding chromosome 7, are one and the same thing. We think this would be the case if chromosome 7 were responsible for actually making the relevant tRNA; and that's what we're after."

Revel and his team have already taken the first step towards such a dualistic discovery — a discovery which would have implications

beyond even the vital interferon story. He has made a cell deficient in tRNA, and shown that this increases the cell's interferon response — which is exactly the effect that would be expected when you block the gene expression in chromosome 7.

"That tRNA deficiency improves interferon response," says Revel, "was proved by isolated cell method, in the laboratory only. But it can have implications for human studies, too. For, in essence, it is merely the reduction of the organism's ability to produce some proteins. Thus when you have a cold or virus infection, the body should respond better to naturally produced interferon when you cut down the intake of amino acids — protein starvation."

"It is interesting that when you get a cold, the body's first reaction is a decrease in appetite. There are old books of medicine which recommend the starving of sick patients. And it is possible that this helps the interferon response, quickening the natural healing process. It might not be very good advice to feed a cold."

Going to the opposite extreme, I

asked Prof. Revel about the use of interferon for cancer treatment.

"Interferon slows down cell multiplication to a very substantial degree in the case of tumour cells. This is the biological basis for interferon home cancer treatment in Scandinavia."

The Red Cross in Finland supplies a scientist there with all of the blood they collect. He then removes the white blood cells — which are not required in blood transfusion cases — and returns the blood. He produces the interferon from the white cells, which he then distributes to his friends — who are mainly in Sweden.

"The cost is tremendous, but it does seem to work successfully as treatment."

"We don't do it here, simply because Magen David Adom won't allow us to touch their blood stocks. But there are other ways, and we are now trying a method of producing interferon from rapidly multiplying blood cells of leukemia patients — cells which are very high producers of interferon."

"Once we extract enough for treatment, the problem will be in obtaining the necessary health certificate for using it. Since it originates from cancer cells, there might be some resistance to its use in clinical treatments."

"But the biggest problem is in obtaining the interest and support to produce interferon on any large scale. This is applied science, and I'm in research; my interest does not lie in producing vast quantities of interferon. It ought to be done, however, and our hope is that very soon some people will see their way to getting down to do it."

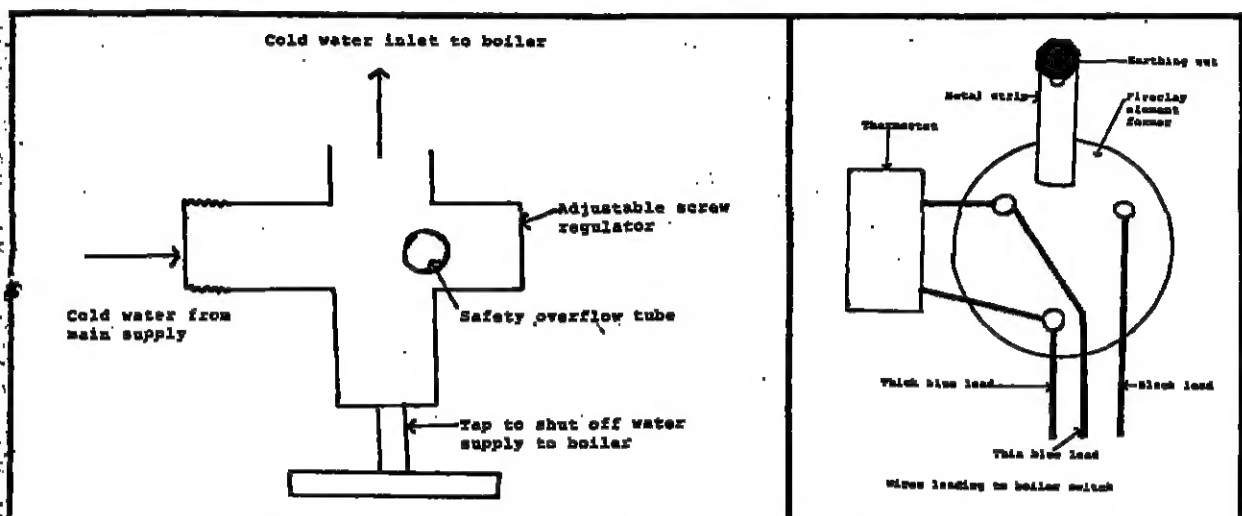
The first instalment of this two part article appeared on April 9.



"The Rape of Persephone" by Cambiaso is one of 50 drawings on display at the Cohen Graphics Hall of the Israel Museum until the end of May.

DO IT YOURSELF / MEIR FATOR

## When the hot water trickles



A READER in Tiberias writes to ask why his hot water supply comes out in a trickle instead of the normal flow. The most probable explanation is that there is a blockage either in the hot water outlet pipe from the boiler or in the cold water supply to the boiler.

Immediately before the connection to the cold water inlet there is a safety valve with a tap handle so you can shut off the inlet supply to the boiler.

The safety valve (shastom in Hebrew) is required because, unlike the hot water systems used abroad where the steam overflow condenses over the cold water storage tank, the Israeli system is sealed. It has an outlet and an inlet. To draw off hot water, cold water must flow in to displace it. The safety valve is used to avoid the possibility of a boiler explosion when the water supply is shut off but the boiler continues to be heated. The screw at the end is to allow for adjusting the operating pressure in the tank. This is usually pre-set by the manufacturer and no further adjustment is generally needed. The short narrow overflow pipe should be connected to a piece of copper tubing and led away so that its outlet is over the bath.

Inside the valve is a small rubber ball whose function is to prevent hot water from returning to the cold water system. In other words, it acts as a non-return ball valve. What has quite likely happened in the reader's case is that the rubber ball has dis-

integrated and partially blocked the cold water inlet tube. Consequently if only a trickle of cold water can enter the tank, only a trickle of hot can flow out.

TURN OFF the cold water supply to the flat. (The tap is located in the flat itself or outside the building next to the water meter). Using an 8" adjustable wrench, carefully slacken off the brass nut connecting the cold water inlet to the safety valve. Move the copper pipe gently aside and try poking in the valve with a piece of stiff wire. With a bit of luck you may be able to clear the obstruction without removing the whole valve. Failing this, you will have to remove the copper pipe connection to the overflow tube and, again with the adjustable wrench, remove the complete safety valve from the tank. The tank will probably drip a bit so put a bowl under the open pipe. As long as no hot water taps are opened, no water should gush out.

Undo the brass nut holding the tap part of the valve in place. Remove the inner section of the tap completely from the casing. (At the same time replace the rubber washer if necessary.) Remove all fragments of rubber, if possible wash out the tap at a neighbour's, wind about five turns of teflon tape clockwise around the thread and screw the tap back into the safety valve. Wind teflon tape around the connection to the safety valve and replace; then reconnect the overflow pipe. Turn on the cold water again and check the

hot water flow.

The water flow should be normal. In spite of the missing rubber ball, there shouldn't be any hot water coming out of the cold water tap. If this occurs you'll have to replace the safety valve. Take the old one along to your plumbing supplier and replace with a similar type.

Occasionally the heating element of the boiler burns out. This can easily be replaced, as the boiler is indirectly heated and the element (goof himoom) is not immersed in the water.

Switch off the boiler and as a further safety precaution remove the fuse. Using a screwdriver or a pair of pliers unscrew the hexagonal-headed self-tapping screws holding the cover plate over the element thermostat. Again using the pliers or a small adjustable wrench, disconnect the wires from the terminals of the heating element. Slacken off and remove the large nut holding the element in position.

The element can now be removed. At any electrical supply shop buy a similar rated element and replace it in the socket, taking care to keep the element vertical as you insert it. Tighten up the earthing nut and reconnect the wires as in the diagram. Check carefully that the wires are correctly connected and that no loose ends project. Replace the metal cover over the element and tighten up the self-tapping screws. Replace the fuse and switch the boiler on again.

## Tourist service goes to sea

HAIFA. — Even before they get ashore, incoming cruise ship passengers now experience a warm first contact with Israel — in the form of cheerful, orange-uniformed girls who man the information desks set up on board by the Haifa Tourism Development Association as soon as the ship docks.

A small group of bright and attractive girls were recruited by Haifa's tourist promotion office and have gone through an intensive course on the tourist facilities of Haifa and its environs, with the result that these girls now rank among the best-informed Haifaites, according to Ruth Weinstein, in charge of the tourist bureau's hostess programme. Because the job is part-time and requires flexibility, most of the hostesses are students, who must be readily available during certain periods of the year. They must also speak a minimum of two languages.

The work is varied, but consists to a great degree of dealing with personal situations. "I have a cousin in Tel Aviv but don't know his address or how his name is spelled" is a typical problem, but hostesses are also trained to handle emergency situations, such as that of the passenger requiring urgent medical care.

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## The black iris goes abroad

By PHILIP GILLON

"I'M PUTTING 400 on tomorrow's plane, 200 on Friday's and 600 on Monday's," Joe Flamm, of Foreign Trade Consultation and Services Ltd., Ramat Chen, said over the telephone to a certain de Vellou in St. Cloud, Paris. "We'll end up with 10,000 this year; next year we'll reach 150,000 to 200,000."

The subject under discussion was black iris, loveliest of Israeli wildflowers, unique in this country. I had written an article some time before about a threat to turn one of the few sites in the country where the black irises are still found, the Hanot forest, into cultivated farmland. Then I received a letter from Joe Flamm's partner, C. Shachak, to say that his brother David Shachak, in Kibbutz Tzfat Zvi, had succeeded after eight years of experimenting, in producing the irises under artificial conditions, a most remarkable horticultural feat.

"David studied agriculture at the Hebrew University in Rehovot," his brother explained, "before going to live in the kibbutz. Irises are his hobby. The kibbutz gave him a few dunams on which to play around, and this year he at last succeeded in making the irises a commercial proposition. He produces several varieties, including a golden one. Joe Flamm and I were together in the Export Institute; since then we've set up our own business as export agents. We have no difficulty finding



buyers for the black iris in France, Austria, Holland and England; de Vellou says that he can take all we can give him, and more. As you heard, we hope next year to reach the 200,000 mark."

David Shachak took roots of the wild black iris, grew the plants, and cross-fertilized. For several years his efforts failed; the wildflowers apparently refused to be tamed. This year he achieved his breakthrough: now the sky seems to be the limit.

THE FLOWERS are picked at night in the kibbutz and packed in foam polystyrene, with holes in it, so that they can "breathe." They are sent to Ramat Chen early the next morning and then despatched on the first available plane. They bring in about 70 cents per flower. The demand in Europe is so great that few of the black irises find their way on to the Israeli market; they do so only when shipments are impossible for some reason. They sell locally at about 11.5 each.

The cultivated plants are far more delicate than their wild forebears, and David is going on with experiments to develop qualities of strength, resistance to disease, and length of stem, as well as for a greater variety of colour and size.

"I'm very optimistic," Shachak concluded, "I think we've got a new export item of which Israel can be very proud."

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## WINES OF ISRAEL

WHILE Israel's wines cannot compete with the great wines of France, they compare most favourably with the table wines of the U.S., as with those of Europe and South Africa.

That, at least is the opinion of Yisrael Flan, assistant manager of the Carmel Mizrahi wine cellars at Rishon LeZion. Flan, was naturally speaking primarily of the wines of his own company which, he said, produces 75 per cent of the national output.

Although it was founded in 1882, and still uses its original buildings and cellars, the Rishon winery is very much an up-to-date operation, perhaps reflecting the attitude that led Flan to do his apprenticeship in the U.S. and South Africa, rather than in one of the European wine centres. The Rishon winemakers are intent on producing good medium wines, rather than take the chance that might produce a superb wine — or vinegar.

I asked Flan, and his colleagues at the Rishon cellars, with the absence of wine vinegar on the local market. Not only did I miss this product which I have found to be superior for both salads and cooking, but I feared that the absence indicated that bad wine, usually the source of vinegar, was somehow being revived into something we are drinking.

The winemakers assured me that it was only economic considerations that kept us from enjoying wine vinegar. The Government up to now, they said, had not allowed deposits on the vinegar bottles, thus forcing up the price and lowering the profit margin. They promised that wine vinegar would return in time for Pessah (it is the only vinegar which is kosher for Pessah) and be available throughout the year, following a decision to allow deposits on these bottles.

Meanwhile the cellars continue to turn out wines of varying grades for almost every palate and pocketbook. Mordechai Rosenthal, sales director of the cellars, pointed out that while some 10 to 20 years ago, the production consisted of 70 per cent sweet wine and 30 per cent dry, these percentages are now virtually reversed.

He regarded this as a good thing, dismissing the sweet wines as not really wines at all, noting as well that while sweet wine is usually drunk in small quantities, the dry

Haim Shapiro visits the Carmel cellars at Rishon LeZion

## FOR EVERY PALATE AND POCKETBOOK



is imbibed all through a meal — thus helping sales.

But even the sales director, like the other personnel of the cellars, has the characteristic rosy hue of an enthusiastic wine taster. He joined us with gusto when we began to sample some of the firm's products. These included a Cabernet Sauvignon, 72, which at over IL16 a bottle seemed a little disappointingly flat.

Yisrael Flan admitted that this was a very good wine which had passed its peak and was on the decline. But he pointed out that the wine was, in any case no longer available on the market. The Carmel cellars, he said, stored their better wines until they were properly aged and then released them for sale. It did not speculate by holding back wines it thought might ripen well.

For this reason, and perhaps from professional discretion as well, Flan would not be drawn into saying what he thought were good years for Israel's wine. He merely pointed out that in a good year, the acid and sugar content of the grapes were properly balanced. He also said that while it was too early to tell, 1975 seemed to be a good year.

We went on to a Carignan, also

1972, which, although a good deal cheaper than the Cabernet Sauvignon, seemed more satisfying. It had a clean, dry pronounced taste, not unlike a good Chianti.

When I mentioned that I had found this same quality in the more expensive wines of the Latrun and Chertan monasteries, the Rishon winemakers laughed off this mild competition. They also explained what made wine kosher (and thus made monastery wine unkosher).

The grapes for kosher wine are grown in accord with all the Jewish religious precepts for agriculture. The first crop of every new vine is destroyed (the rabbi of the cellar keeps detailed maps of all the vineyards) and a part of each subsequent crop is set aside for the biblically ordained offering.

Moreover, every worker in the wine cellars is, at least nominally, an observant Jew. Anyone seen riding on Shabbat, for example, is immediately dismissed. As for the growers, they are the owners of some 800 farms, all members of the Carmel Mizrahi cooperative, which owns the cellars, as well as the wine-grape growing new settlements.

Speaking of kashrut, we mentioned that in the U.S., kosher wine usually

refers to a syrupy sweet liquid, which seems to be as popular among American blacks as it is among Jews. Nonetheless, the introduction of Israeli wines in the U.S. has caused the American kosher wine makers to start producing less sweet, if not dry, wines.

While discussing the sweeter varieties, we also tasted Carmel's prestige sweet white wine, Chenin Blanc. While following the fashion of preferring dry wine, I must admit that this wine was particularly pleasing. It was light, with none of the heaviness which so often accompanies a sweeter wine.

Fittingly enough, we ended with the sparkling President's Wine. The white "very dry" seemed rather sweet — the rose about what one might expect from pink champagne; to be charitable we can say that it did sparkle.

But the President's Wine, our informant told us, is the only sparkling produced by natural fermentation in Israel.

Like all the wines at the cellars, it is made from the 40,000 tons of grapes brought in each season by members of the cooperative. The grapes, dumped into huge pits and

stemming machines by circular screws resembling the inside of a meat grinder, are strictly segregated by colour and type.

While the prestige wines all have the name of a type of grape, the cheaper wines, such as Chateau Windsor or Chateau Montagne may be blends or the second pressing of these types. The grape juice is then left to ferment, white wine without the skins, red wine with the skins. Rose, which my informants dismissed as not worth talking about (although it sells well) is left with the skins for a relatively short period. Since the juice has been treated with a preservative, sulfur dioxide, yeast culture is introduced to make the juice ferment.

While fermenting, in huge vats, the juice is carefully watched to ensure that it is not infected with any foreign culture. Incidentally, since it is always kosher for Pessah, it is also kept from hams all year around. The workers are forbidden to eat on the premises.

At this point the sparkling wine is given an extra dose of sugar to promote extra fermentation and put in the characteristic bottles. The bottles are sealed with crown corks (soda bottle tops) and left to ferment further on special wooden racks.

To ensure that all sediment settles around the cap, the bottles are turned periodically by hand by a worker who wears a face shield to protect himself from possible exploding bottles. When the extra fermentation is finished, and a suitable amount of carbon dioxide (the gas which produces the tiny bubbles) has built up, the bottles are opened, causing the sediment to fly out, and capped with plastic corks held down by wire.

From the old-world atmosphere of the sparkling wine, we went straight into the cool efficiency of the export warehouse, last station of 40 per cent of the company's wine. Last year exports reached \$3m. We fully expected to see the cases ready to go out to the Jews of the Diaspora for Pessah.

But we were told that those cases had gone out weeks before. Instead we saw row after row of Adam Atik, the company's popularly-priced red wine, about to leave for Sweden. The Swedes have taken a liking to the wine, we were told, and 10,000 cases are sent every year to gladden northern hearts.



In the cellars at Rishon LeZion.

(Israel Sun)

Ze'ev Schul goes tasting at Petah Tikva

## Making a mark overseas

THERE WAS this coup de grace story about Richard Nixon toasting his guests with a \$30 bottle of wine (label hidden in flawless linen), while his friends sipped a less pretentious \$10-a-bottle brand. It so happened that I heard this story the day I was visiting the Hamartef Wine Cellars, makers of an arm-long list of wines including four of my favourites — the white Sauvignon and Semillon, the red Carignan, and the Rose Grenache, in that order of preference.

At IL12.50 a bottle they are a steal (though I suppose that they would be upmarked to around \$10 or so by the time they reach the U.S. President's table.) They are all dry — or so labelled. To my mind they'd qualify better as Demi-Secs with the whites leading by a good nose's length and with a surprisingly nice bouquet. I care less for the red — especially since it shouldn't be chilled, which makes it a poor summer season wine (in Israel) although still very palatable and the Grenache, which should be served chilled. The latter two are good table wines but the Sauvignon and Semillon deserve to be sampled on their own with no more than something to nibble on to clear the palate from time to time.

People may call me a fanatic but I do believe there is some resemblance to the better Beaujolais whites which are, to my taste, very fine wines indeed. To my mind these four wines, if nothing more, have earned Hamartef a firm niche on the market. Hamartef, by the way, were set up in Split, now Yugoslavia, in 1884. Hence the "Brandy '84" take-over of the Friedman family cellars (1889) — a family enterprise which was bought up by Tanva before the present takeover by a group of private investors.

The company is, incidentally, mak-

ing inroads on the export market. Jews abroad prefer the sweet wines. Hamartef has risen to the occasion with a sweet red, Massada, offered in a decorative earthenware jug and which, quoting the plug, "is shaped like those (jugs) used by the defenders of Massada in the time of Bar Kochba and only recently unearthed." We hope without the dank smell.

WHAT YOU probably didn't know is that Israel is considered one of the world's leading (per capita) brandy consuming countries. This, at least, is what the Stock people told me and they should know seeing that they sell more than double the quantity of the next leading brand, Stock, is another old reputable family enterprise — with worldwide affiliations. The parent plant is not in Israel, the first family wineries were set up in Split, now Yugoslavia, back in 1884. Hence the "Brandy '84" take-over of the Friedman family cellars (1889) — a family enterprise which was bought up by Tanva before the present takeover by a group of private investors.

There is no difference in quality between, say, a locally made Vermouth or Brandy and the same label produced in Italy," we were told.

A good many Israelis seem to agree with this verdict — hence the sales records and the export orders of \$100,000 reported this year. Not being much of an expert on cognac (brandies) or other hard liquors we wouldn't know any better, but we do know that we have often passed off '84 in non-transparent Armagnac or Courvoisier bottles with no one being any the wiser and my friends "ahing" and "ohing" all over the place. It must have been the glass — an oversized snifter.

I asked the Master of the House what his favourite drink was. His recommendation: Amaro — a bitter aperitif. Here are two promising sounding things to do with the stuff:

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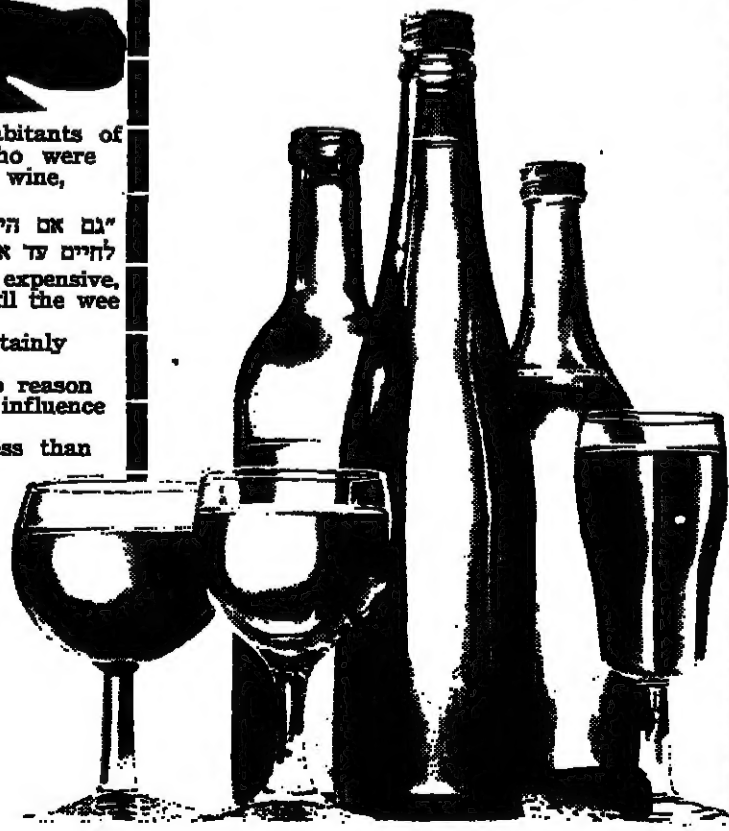


In bygone days, inhabitants of "Little Tel Aviv" who were connoisseurs of good wine, used to sing:

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Yitzhak Oked reports on changes at Eliaz winecellars

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This promise was made to this reporter during a tour of the winecellars last week, by Managing Director Michael Bayer. He explained that this expansion is being planned by the new owners, the Bessin family of Canada. They recently bought the enterprise after it had been put into receivership because of the collapse of the Israel-English Bank.

The expansion will be in a number of fields and will be accomplished in several phases. The first stage will be the increase of the storage area both for the absorption of greater quantities of grapes (the amount of grapes a winecellar can absorb during the short grape harvest dictates the quantities of wines it can produce) and for storing the finished product: bottled and packaged wines and brandies.

Bayer said that some of the costlier wines, brandies and liqueurs, because of the special shape of the bottles, must be packaged and wrapped by hand. Increased storage space will enable Eliaz to prepare these items months in advance.

Among the top-priority items in the list of new machinery to be ordered are bottle-filling and wrapping machines. The last purchase of such machines was in 1964, and since then there have been many improvements in these machines.

THE DEVELOPMENT of new wines will be a longer process, and here



Israeli wines go well with fancy-dress costumes too. (Bytan Harris)

French-wine expert Eli Habib, who also owns 5 per cent of Eliaz stock, will play an important role. The first phase will be to plant new types of wine grape vines. The Ministry of Agriculture and the Wine Institute have made experiments and found several new types very successful.

Eliaz has an 800-dunam vineyard which is now being replanted with these new vines. It is also signing contracts with farmers who agree to plant these new vines. These

vines will give the Israeli wine connoisseur dry and semi-dry wines with a new taste. They will enlarge Eliaz's export market, since these wines are popular abroad.

The company plans to push hard its specialty, Hard Nut walnut liqueur (which is made in Israel only by Eliaz, and by a very small number of producers of this special type of liqueur throughout the world). Hyman Bessin sees great export potential in it and is already negotiating with several large importers in a number of countries.

Eliaz produces about 3 million bottles of wine a year, of which 10 per cent is exported, and about 350,000 bottles of liqueurs and brandies of which about 5 per cent is exported.

The founders of Eliaz about 30 years ago were Hungarian Jews, so the wine and brandy seemed to have a Hungarian character. Today the chief taster is a new immigrant from Rumania, and the flavour today may be more Rumanian. Eliaz finds, however, that their sales are especially strong in towns with a large North-African population, such as Ashdod and Ashkelon.

Mention should be made of some other wine producers. Karmi Zion, run by the Segal family, has as its specialty its brand-name Asqueion wines. Yekav Hagall specializes in Arak. A newcomer, International Distillers of Israel, specializes in high-quality citrus liqueur sold under the brand name of Sabra, and has chalked up impressive export sales figures.

The oldest and maybe the smallest winecellars in the country can be found in Jerusalem. There are six or seven of them, some more than one hundred years old.



Hyman Bessin, left, the new owner of Eliaz winecellars, shows managing director Michael Bayer the new bottle design for the firm's popular Hard Nut walnut liqueur. (Arzi)

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# New Record for Blue Band-Telma

**Haifa manufacturer again takes first prize for excellent packaging and wins esteem of experts and housewives**



Mr. Moshe Mandelbaum, Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (left) handing Mr. Gloria Teltsch, General Manager of Blue Band-Telma (center) excellent packaging contest prize certificates. In the middle Dr. Dany Bar-Shay, Art Director of Astra Graphic Design

The other first prize was for packaging designed for another of Astra's clients—Matzot Aviv—for their matzot and matza meal. Dany and his design team at Astra work in complete cooperation with Blue Band-Telma's development department — from the first stages of the development of a new product. And the housewife thus benefits from a tasty, quality product in an excellent package.

## New Products

How are new products brought into being? At Blue Band-Telma, the process is in the hands of experts, and much thought and imagination are brought to bear. When the lack is felt of a certain type of product for which there is a need, the company's experts apply themselves to the task of designing it. The work is based on research on changes in eating habits. For example, television has had an effect on people's eating habits; Blue Band-Telma has produced products to meet this new situation. And again, specially designed foods in convenience packaging have been marketed for trippers.

Blue Band-Telma has made it possible for everyone to serve at home parties items which were previously enjoyed only by those able to eat in expensive restaurants. Today, such "food of kings" has become the daily fare of everyone, and is to be found at any family party. Who can imagine a party without hummus, telma, felaful, and the latest favourite—schlep, the oriental dessert, and all made by Telma. The company allows Ashkenazim to enjoy Sephardi foods, and Sephardim, Ashkenazi foods — one of the benefits of the ingathering of the exiles.

## The Think Tank

The "think tank" behind Telma products is the product development department. A team of five food technologists is continuously engaged in quality control of raw materials, production processes, packaging and the finished products. Parallel to laboratory tests, these experts make taste consistency tests twice a day. The firm keeps abreast of new developments, and keeps its product line up to date. For example, when housewives felt they would like to serve cream after a meat meal, Telma came to their aid with a "parve" cream, which also keeps better than ordinary cream.

A meal in an out-of-the-way oriental restaurant in Jerusalem led to the production of "Jerusalem style Telma" with parsley, prepared according to an old recipe. The company's food technologists must do a certain amount of research into folk recipes for various dishes made by the different communities, in order to produce foods such as felaful, hummus, "al hakefak," kneidlach, instant borscht, instant pea soup, etc. In 1976, Gloria Teltsch, the General Manager, reports, additional improvements will be made in Telma recipes, and new products will be marketed.

This year, the special section that recently developed the improved type of Telma Hummus will be working at full pressure. The company will also continue its development of products that have already found a place in the housewife's esteem: items such as matza-meal dumplings (very easy to prepare), non-dairy "milk," which is made from vegetable ingredients and is mainly sold in large cartons to hotels, non-dairy "cream," etc. There is no need to introduce the Israeli shopper to Blue Band-Telma products, which have become the daily fare of all, and are found on every table.

All who visit the plant are greatly impressed by the high standard of hygiene, which literally shines from the floors and walls. More than 500 workers are employed, and the most modern production processes are used. The company has its own marketing organization, which includes a fleet of refrigerated vehicles. Blue Band-Telma products are available at 8200 stores in Israel.

Blue Band-Telma applies very considerable resources and efforts to improving its products and their quality. Nor is there neglect of such subjects as upgrading production facilities, plant expansion, and purchase of new equipment. All these efforts are reflected in the products Telma places on grocers' shelves. The first prize awarded to the plant during Israel Food Week, the many other prizes the firm has won — the "Golden Spoon," a U.S. kitchen award, the Kaplan Prize for industrial efficiency, and the Josephthal Prize for achievements in the fields of safety and hygiene — are additional signposts on Blue Band-Telma's path of development and progress in the markets of Israel and the world — a path that can serve as an example to many other plants.



Blue Band-Telma stand at the 1976 Israel Food Week Fair.

In recent years, exports have become a central plank of national policy.

The subject is spoken of with respect; prizes and incentives are given to further exports. Exports and security are now placed together in the top-priority bracket, with the slogan "export or die" taken seriously.

One of the plants that invests much thought, imagination and effort in its products is the large Haifa firm of Blue Band-Telma. Its products are marketed in some 25 countries throughout the world, and are served on half a million family tables. What is the secret of their success?

Blue Band-Telma succeeds in the local and overseas markets by applying its resources and efforts to the preparation of foods that taste good to the palate and look good to the eye.

This year, the plant again won first prize for excellent packaging. The packaging contest is run by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and this year's contest (the second in three years) was part of Israel Food Week. In both contests, Blue Band-Telma took the first prize. This year, 60 packagings from 22 firms in the foodstuffs branch competed. The packaging of Blue Band-Telma's line of tasty soups was awarded first prize, and commended by the judges for "design, photography and superior execution, clear directions, evocation of the contents by the packaging, and good protection of the contents."

## The Contents Live up to the Promise of the Packet

Blue Band-Telma's young energetic General Manager, Gloria Teltsch attaches great importance to quality packaging. He considers that "Good packaging is not merely packaging with a nice graphic design on the outside. Good food-product packaging fulfills a number of functions: most important it gives the contents long-term protection; good packaging must also show the housewife what the product looks like after preparation.

"Good packaging must identify the product clearly, be legible and understandable, and serve as a "traffic sign" in the sea of products displayed at the supermarket. If the housewife cannot find the product quickly, the packaging is not up to its job. But however much importance is now attached to packaging,

ing," Mr. Teltsch emphasized, "Blue Band-Telma puts even more effort into product quality."

Pleasing packaging has its main effect at the time of purchase. With the present popularity of self-service stores, such packaging plays an essential role in guiding the housewife in brand loyalty, but the contents must live up to the promise of the packet. After the buyer is presented with the visual attraction of the packet, he must not be disappointed by the favour of the product. Taste is all important.

Blue Band-Telma meets both these demands, and produces an attractive packet containing a tasty product of highest quality. The company has learned the importance of packaging from its export activities. Some 30% of its production of soups is exported, and it has been found that maintaining a good standard is not enough — constant innovations are necessary to meet the demands of foreign markets.

The colour printing was done by El. Lewin Epstein. Photography work for the packaging was by Studio Sadeh.

## 2 First Prizes for Design Department

Blue Band-Telma's graphic design work is done by ASTRA, the name of the company's Graphic Design Department.

The head of Astra, Mr. Dany Bar-Shay is the guiding hand behind the modern designs that go into the packaging of all Blue Band-Telma products.

...And not only that of Blue Band-Telma.

The graphics department has extended its activities, and now puts its talents to work for many other companies in Israel — from the Kibbutz Dan to Eilat.

The department's eye-catching, functional designs have won it an important place in graphic design in Israel and even overseas.

And it has now been rewarded with two first prizes for packaging excellence.

The first was given for the design of cartons for the marketing of Telma soups abroad.



Packaging of Telma soups, for which the first prize in the 1973 excellent packaging contest was awarded.



Packaging of Telma soups, for which the first prize in the 1976 excellent packaging contest was awarded.

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## Lea Levavi tells of an experimental kindergarten in Herzliya

# Helping the 'backward' child

HAPPILY SHOUTING, singing and talking Rami does not realize he is in his kindergarten class during their story hour. So Rami, the special education teacher, takes him into her room and lets him play kindergarten teacher while she acts the part of the 'naughty' child. Gradually, the message sinks in. Rami is one of eight organically brain-injured children in the Almut Kindergarten in Herzliya, an experimental kindergarten opened this year in an attempt to integrate eight of these children with learning disabilities with 30 'normal' kindergarten children.

"These eight children were in kindergarten last year, but were not ready for first grade," explained Rami Jacobs, who immigrated from Philadelphia two years ago. With her graduate training and experience in special education, she left a job in Jerusalem for the Almut experiment in Herzliya.

Madassah Weisenberg, the educational psychologist in Herzliya, selected children who she thought could benefit from special help, within an integrated kindergarten, the first of its kind in Israel. There are integrated kindergartens for the deaf, the retarded and other groups but not for these children.

First and foremost, Miss Jacobs wanted to dispel some of the misconceptions about these youngsters. "Someone asked me the other day what sort of problems children from Herzliya could possibly have,

People tend to confuse learning disabilities with cultural deprivation. There is, of course, no connection, since the children in my group have their problems because of some brain injury, though often very slight. But then when I say 'brain-injured,' people think 'retarded,' which also is not true. One girl in the group may be a borderline retardation case but many of the others have above average intelligence."

Parents on both sides were at first reluctant about the experiment. The families of the eight children in Miss Jacobs' group feared the stigma of a special programme, and also felt the usual disappointment at finding their children not considered ready for first grade. At the same time, the parents of the other children were fearful their offspring might suffer from being with youngsters who are different.

"Actually, the effects turned out to be positive. The children do not feel they are two different groups, but they do sense that some have special problems and have learned to be helpful and patient."

A few of the 'regular' children were a bit jealous when Miss Jacobs took 'her' children into her room for private or group work each day. "So I started inviting four of the others, in rotation, to join my group in my room every Friday. They consider it a big honour because they know I am a teacher here to prepare them for first grade."

TO LABEL these children is almost meaningless because each has his or

her own problems. Shosh, for instance, went through an entire year of kindergarten last year without talking to anyone or playing with the other children.

"At the beginning of this year, she stood at the door and watched what was going on in the kindergarten. I went over to her every day and spoke to her, trying to tell her about all the fun she could have with the others, but not trying to force her into the group until she was ready. Slowly, she began to join in and to talk more. Now, the other children try hard to be her friends, inviting her to sit with them and pressing her, in a friendly way, for an answer when she doesn't want to talk."

Under proper conditions, it seems that youngsters can be more tolerant than adults.

One of the 'regular' children came over to Shosh and offered her a toy. She didn't take it or answer his question about whether she wanted it. "Please tell me if you want it — yes or no." Eventually, she said "yes" and took the toy.

Avi has trouble concentrating. When the children choose their own toys or games, he cannot remain interested in any one thing long enough to finish it. Miss Jacobs decided to try a 'behaviour modification' scheme. She keeps records of every activity he succeeds in finishing and at the end of each week, sends the cards noting these accomplishments home with him. His parents' pride in his success now reinforces his desire to try to finish what he starts.

THE QUESTION worrying Miss Jacobs most is how well the children will do in regular first grade classes next year. "Expectations from this programme were very high, and it was hoped that all the children would go into regular first grade classes. Now we see that about half of them will have to do first grade in special classes, though some may be ready for regular classes in the future."

"As for the rest, the improvement is tremendous. But remember that the teacher in first grade is responsible for 40 children, and even if she understands the special problems, which not all regular teachers do, she simply does not have time for personalized attention. Also, kindergarten offers many opportunities to express individuality, with each child choosing the toys and play areas he or she likes best. In first grade, the child must sit and learn, which for these children is difficult because they find it so hard to concentrate."

Incidentally, this experimental kindergarten, sponsored by the Ministry of Education and the Herzliya municipality's Education Department, has attracted so much attention that Miss Jacobs is deluged with visitors interested in seeing the programme, so they can set up similar schemes elsewhere in the country. "I finally reached a point where I had to limit visits to one day a week, by advance arrangement with me or the psychologist, because otherwise I would not have time to work with the children."

Music / YOHANAN BOEHM

## Better as a musician

The Israel Chamber Ensemble, Yona Ettlinger conducting; Shlomo Mintz, violin — Beethoven: Symphony in G minor; Haydn: Concerto in C Major, for Violin and Orchestra; Tchaikovsky: "Rococo" for Strings; Mozart: Symphony No. 31, in D Major, K. 297 (Jerusalem Theatre — April 8).

THIS WAS a run-of-the-mill concert, and once again made one ask why Yona Ettlinger — such an excellent clarinet player and chamber musician — should have chosen a conducting career. His flapping movements seemed to convey no musical idea or interpretative message to the orchestra musicians, and the well-intentioned readings sounded no more than a dutiful presentation. The lack of leadership and clear-cut attitude was particularly evident in the Tchaikovsky Rococo. This composer, who belongs to the younger generation searching for new ways of expression, used somewhat conventional means in this work (written in 1870). It was all the more important, therefore, that the thoughts and emotional content of his score should have received a more driving interpretation to bring out its inherent values.

The compensation of the evening was the appearance of young Shlomo Mintz. Though the Haydn Concerto in C Major is by no means an exciting or musically enriching piece of writing, Mintz showed that he is a born musician and soloist. Exuding self-confidence but no cockiness in his stage behaviour, he played his part firmly and securely, displaying beautiful tone and smooth phrasing, and confirming the impression that he is a violinist with a great future.



Dr. Martin Kieselstein, right, director of Jerusalem's Hospital for Chronic Diseases, has been awarded the first prize of IL6,000 in a campaign to "improve the quality of life" launched by Mr. Alexander Barvitz, left, of the Alex Car Air-Conditioner Company. The campaign is called "All for each and each for all." (Photo: Kaniel)

## Israel-Belgium friendship week

By LILI RAY AHABON  
TOURNAI, Belgium. — The Belgian and Israeli flags floated side by side on the 18th century town hall in the picturesque marketplace of this old town as an evening of music, art and dance launched the recent Belgium-Israel friendship week here.

Tournai Mayor Dumont praised the values transmitted to the Western world by the Jewish people, and said that his city was "proud to

demonstrate its friendship for the people of Israel."

Among the guests was Israeli cultural attaché Michael Bar Yehuda, of the Embassy in Brussels, who, as fate would have it, was among the soldiers of the Jewish Brigade who helped liberate Tournai during World War II. The local authorities marked the occasion by presenting the Israeli with a decoration of honour.

## The intellectual has no right to be politically aloof

The noted Argentinian writer, Marta Lynch, talks to Jonah Krantz about the difficulties of rebuilding her country after the setbacks of recent years, and points to lessons that can be learned from Israel.

ONE OF LATIN America's best-known writers, apart from those already familiar to Israeli readers — such as Jorge Luis Borges, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and Miguel Angel Asturias — is Argentinian's Marta Lynch.

Interviewed during her recent visit to Israel, Marta Lynch says she comes from a country and a continent where "things are happening" and where few intellectuals are able to remain as aloof as, for instance, Jorge Luis Borges, whose writings belong to the world of metaphysics and imagery but are detached from today's Argentinian reality. She herself feels that "as a writer and as a human being, I can't be separated from the society to which I belong. Time will tell if what I have written has any value, but I want to be a witness of my times and be the voice of those in my country who cannot speak for themselves."

It is for this reason that Marta Lynch has earned herself both admirers and enemies. "I know that I am loved and respected in my country, but like anyone who goes against the mainstream, I also know that I am hated. Above all, I think and write as an Argentinian, and I pay a high price for that. But that is my obligation as an intellectual, that is what I have chosen, and I think I have done rather well."

Too trusting

She has, indeed. Since 1965, when her first book, "El Alamo de la Roja" ("The Red Carpet") was published, she has written five novels and three books of short stories, earning several important prizes. Her last book, "A tree full of apples," written while she was living in Peru, has been translated into English, German, Italian and Portuguese, and put her among the "ten best Latin American novelists," according to some German critics.

"This means," she says, "that I haven't stopped working for a single day, but I have found time to take part in politics. Not very successfully, I'm afraid, because I lack the qualities needed in a politician: I am too trusting. Nevertheless, I was part (together with most Argentinians) of that great coalition that in 1973 thought it possible to overturn the social and economic circumstances of our country. It hasn't been so, and today Argentina is living through the worst crisis in its history. For us it is the same as for you Israelis. You are building the State of Israel and you know you are working for a purpose. We, too, want to rebuild a marvellous country, which forces from within and principally from without have destroyed."

A lot to give

Marta Lynch does not agree with Borges who said that "Latin America has given nothing to the world." She believes that Latin American literature is today the most important in the Western world. "Neither Europe nor the United States have today writers of the calibre of a Rulfo, a Garcia Marquez, a Vargas Llosa or, of course, a Borges, who is certainly one of the most important contemporary writers. There are others, like Cortázar, Roa Bastos, Guimaraes, Carpentier, Sabato, all of them men of the very first rank."

Where would she place herself within that frame? "I was created, from a literary point of view, from one of Ernesto Sabato's ribs. Not so much his style but his theme fascinates me. However, my roots are in the North American literature, the mother of all my generation. I mean Hemingway, Carson, McCullers, Salinger and others." Of all her books, she likes best "Al Vencedor" ("To the Vanquisher"), written in 1965, which she calls "a prophetic novel," and in which she demonstrated that she un-

derstands more than many others the reality in which she lives as an Argentinian. The protagonist of that book, opia, regrettably she says, for violence, and that was long before anybody dreamed in her country that it would ever be in the grip of political violence. "That novel passed unnoticed, because for those on the left I am a leftist, while for those on the right, a constant nationalist line."

However, her best written novel is, no doubt, "A tree full of apples." Why? "Well, I think that the years I lived in Peru allowed me to achieve a language more precise and more adequate to my inner world. For me, this is my best novel."

FOR TOO MANY intellectuals in Latin America, Israel is today the embodiment of all the taboos they like to ascribe to the imperialist and colonialist world. Marta Lynch, who belongs to a continent living under the gigantic shadow of the U.S., cannot free herself from some of the clichés that are a part of that frame of mind. However, her attitude towards Israel is coloured by her profound knowledge of Jews and the Jewish character. She has lived since childhood in close contact with Jews, and was brought up by "a great human being, my mother, who taught me the true meaning of being a Christian." When UNESCO perpetrated its great injustice towards Israel, she was among the select group of Argentinian and Latin American intellectuals who raised their voices against it, and now she chairs the "Argentine Committee for the Defence of Israel's Rights at the UN."

What were her expectations before coming to Israel, and what did she find?

A Jewish connection

"For some mysterious, or not so mysterious reason, my life has always been closely connected with many Jewish friends. My childhood companions were Jewish and it was a Jew who sent my first novel to the literary contest I won, so starting me on my literary career. My first publisher was a Jew, and so were those who turned 'The Red Carpet' into a best-seller. But beyond the personal motives, even if they hadn't existed, there would always have been my sense of justice."

"I came to Israel not only because I have so many Jewish friends and because I wanted to know a country where a certain human experiment is being carried out, but also because I believe in the right of Israel to exist, and I am prepared to defend that right in every way I can. This is more than a mere political statement."

In the context, one of the first things Marta Lynch wanted to do when she arrived in Israel was to visit the archaeological excavations in Jerusalem, which were the ostensible reason for UNESCO's resolution against Israel. "Seeing and understanding what Israel has been doing there since 1967, I was able to confirm my conviction that to use the archaeological excavations in order to expel Israel from UNESCO is so puerile and so blatantly unjust, that it can't but be understood as what it actually is: an attempt at segregating the Jewish people once more. And the Jews have known too much segregation already."

As to her expectations, she says that, fortunately for us, Israel is not the paradise on earth that her Jewish friends promised her. "This is a place of hardship, of struggle, of sacrifice. And those are the things that, in my opinion, can best exalt the spiritual beauty of a people in our world."

Jonah Krantz is a staff member of the Spanish-language weekly "Semana."

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## The West Bank votes

SOME 88,000 of the residents of the areas that, prior to June, 1967, comprised the West Bank of the Kingdom of Jordan, go to the polls today to choose their municipal authorities. To the credit of all concerned — electors, candidates and the military government — the campaign proceeded in exemplary order. The preponderance of young candidates and the vigour of their campaigning, combined with the withdrawal of several prominent elder figures, is sufficient indication that the elections will produce considerable changes in personnel and probably in policies of the incoming municipal and local councils. This will mean adjustments in the thinking of the military government, which will miss several individuals who, while standing firmly and with dignity by the rights of their electorate, have yet managed to ease their lot by assisting the government in the orderly running of local affairs.

While it does not behoove Israelis to presume to tell today's voters whom to choose, they would do well to bear in mind that the election is not for a government but for officials with strictly limited functions. Nothing that happens today will change the basic facts of the political situation: the areas under Israel military jurisdiction will remain so until Israel agrees to a change in their status.

The task of the officials being elected today will be to lay drains, mend roads, grant business licences, put up schools and all the thousand and one things that local authorities are required to do. If they are wise, the electors will choose those they think best fitted for these tasks, not those who make the most sweeping promises of changing the basic political situation. And if young blood — even not young blood — does take a dominant role in the West Bank towns and villages, it is to be hoped that they too will realise they can best serve their people by satisfying their basic daily needs in cooperation with the current regime, leaving political demands to those with authority and power to implement them.

It is less than a month since the world news media had a field day with stories and pictures of the "occupying power" crushing what they pretended was an Arab nationalist uprising in the administered areas. It would be wishful thinking to suppose that they will report today's vote, and the preceding campaign, for what it is — the freest that has ever taken place in any Arab country of the world, with the possible exception of the Lebanon before fanatical forces thrust that unfortunate country into chaos.

## Crosland, a moderate at the Foreign Office

Britain's new Foreign Minister, Anthony Crosland, is too much the aloof intellectual for some of Labour's rank-and-file, Mark Segal writes from London. But Crosland's sudden elevation to a senior cabinet post is seen by observers as a sign that Prime Minister James Callaghan is grooming him as his successor.

ANTHONY CROSLAND, who becomes Foreign Secretary at 57, is widely regarded as the leading theoretician of the Labour Party's moderate Social Democratic wing. His book, "The Future of Socialism," became the Bible of most Social Democrats when it came out a few years ago.

He came to Labour politics from an upper-class background. His father was a senior civil servant, and graduated brilliantly in philosophy, politics, and economics at Oxford. During World War II he served with the paratroopers in North Africa, Italy and France, returning to Oxford where he became a lecturer in economics at Trinity College.

Crosland first entered Parliament in 1950 for South Gloucester, switching in 1959 to the northern fishing constituency of Grimsby, which he has represented ever since. He was very close to the late Labour leader Hugh Gaitskell in his struggles against the left-wing headed by the late Aneurin Bevan, and opposed Harold Wilson in his fight for the party leadership.

It was then that Crosland's close association with James Callaghan took root. Brilliant, elegant, and a polished public speaker, he is seen as complementing the down-to-earth Callaghan in his new post.

In the previous Wilson government, which lasted from 1964 to 1970, Crosland served successively as No. 2 in the (now extinct) Department for Economic Affairs, then as Education Secretary, Trade Secretary, and Local Government Secretary. Since 1974 he has served as environment secretary.

Although regarded as part of the moderate wing, he has never, unlike Home Secretary Roy Jenkins been identified with any party faction. Some of the party rank-and-file find him too much the aloof intellectual for their liking. He is more at home in small groups than at large public meetings. His second wife is Susan Burns, an American writer.

HIS ELEVATION to the Foreign Office, rather than Jenkins, has already evoked charges among critics that Crosland, who has little experience in foreign affairs, will be all the more malleable by Callaghan, who wishes to retain control over his old ministry in this way.

Crosland's sudden promotion to a senior cabinet post is regarded widely as indicative of Callaghan's intention to groom him as a likely



Crosland... brilliant, elegant and a polished public speaker.

successor when the next leadership contest comes.

Pundits are already saying that Crosland is "Chancellor-in-waiting" and that Callaghan will switch him when Denis Healey retires towards the end of the year. His rise is another indication of the break with the Wilson regime which Callaghan has begun.

Crosland is not expected to introduce any changes in the line set down during Callaghan's term at the Foreign Office. This is especially so in regard to the "special relationship" with the U.S. Callaghan has said little in public on the Middle East in recent years, and his views on the Arab-Israeli conflict are not known.

He did visit Israel some months before the Yom Kippur War, however (he was then out of office), and upon his return he delivered an enthusiastic speech at a meeting held during the Labour Party conference in Blackpool by the Labour friends of Israel. He was duly impressed at the time by Israel's Social Democracy. But his contacts with Israel have been few since then.

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## From B-G to Begin

YIGAL HOROWITZ says he will never return to the Labour Party. He and the State List (former Rafi) faction shifted to the Likud on the eve of the last general elections. Now the State List has merged with Land of Israel Movement and Eliezer Shostak's Independent Centre to form the "La'am" faction in the Likud.

"Eventually, all factions will disappear and the Likud will become a united party," Horowitz expects.

Under Menachem Begin's leadership?

"Why not? He is not at all what I had expected him to be. We, in the Labour Party, had been indoctrinated against him. He has Zionism in his bones."

Of all the strange moves in Israeli politics, the pact between a group claiming the succession from Ben-Gurion, and Ben-Gurion's life-long opponent is the most astounding.

Was the rapprochement due to the affinity of views on Israel's political aims?

"Not exactly," Horowitz says. "The affinity is rather stronger in the economic field. The way the old Mapai leadership dealt with economic problems can only lead to disaster. To subordinate economic processes to ideological phantasms is to encourage social parasitism. Give free rein to private initiative, and people will know what is best for them and the country."

A case in point is the dairy he now manages: from a deficit-ridden plant, the dairy became a highly profitable enterprise within a few years.

Horowitz grew up in Nahalal, a friend of Moshe Dayan (to whom he is also related by marriage). He shares many of Dayan's views, and followed him into Rafi, when Ben-Gurion created that party in the hope of counterbalancing the left-wing trend in Mapai.



Yigal Horowitz... even more Ben-Gurionist than Dayan or Peres.

But when Dayan returned to Labour, Horowitz balked. "The leaders of Mapai are masters of compromise. They'll compromise with the Devil," Horowitz does not want to compromise on facts. Compromises lead to dependence. And economic miracle leads to political subservience. It is as plain as arithmetic.

Likud's aim is to overthrow the government. Relations within the Likud are good, press reports notwithstanding. In "La'am" itself, Eliezer Shostak, the former Revisionist, has been assimilated completely among former Mapai members.

Will Dayan join them?

"I cannot speak for Dayan. I would very much like him to join. We propose an alignment to beat the Alignment. Many former Rafi members should be on our side."

### POSTSCRIPTS

TELEVISION was introduced only recently into South Africa and the TV team accompanying Prime Minister Vorster on his present visit to Israel were able to chalk up a "first" last Friday. They arrived a little late for the dinner given for them, explaining with obvious pleasure that they had been delayed because they had just made their first broadcast via satellite.

Being a latecomer to TV has had its advantages. South African television has gone straight into colour — we do not think that leap-frogging the black-and-white stage had anything to do with internal politics.

A BEDUIN TEXT will serve as a Scriptural stand-in when the first of five new biblical scenes featuring beasts of the field is inaugurated at the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo during Pessach. The Genesis episode will be reproduced in living form. Jacob will be shown tending Laban's flocks, ringed with goats and all, exactly as described in the Bible. The text was purchased from a Beduin tribe in the Northern Negev. Actually, of course, Jacob minded his father-in-law's animals in Aram Naharayim, the

A CONVENTION soon to be concluded is to bind the police forces of the nine European Common Market countries in a single cooperative structure to combat international crime, particularly terrorism.

Ministers of the Interior representing the nine countries are expected to meet in London late this spring to approve the convention. Britain, West Germany and France, the chief supporters of the scheme, consider that international terrorism in its present form of indiscriminate attacks usually hurting innocent parties can be contained only through a novel, international approach on a scale beyond the bounds of Interpol.

In political terms, the convention would immeasurably strengthen Europe's bargaining position in relation to countries consistently providing asylum to fleeing terrorists. It would also provide a flexible framework for coordinated police activities and an exchange of information and experience within the European Economic Community.

In the long run, it may well lead to the establishment of a federal European authority competent to deal with terrorist action involving several countries simultaneously.

Discussions leading to the convention, whose effects may well be felt beyond the region, have gone on for over two years. The central figure to emerge in this current, latest stage of the negotiations is Roy Jenkins, Britain's Home Secretary, who recently visited Michel Ponlatowski, his French opposite number in Paris.

SOURCES close to the British planners explain the need to bypass Interpol in the search for a permanent remedy to international crime in terms of the very non-political nature of that organization. Interpol is well suited for the dissemination of information among police forces about criminals on the run; but it is simply not equipped to handle crime demanding instant, top-level political decisions.

Both sources compare the EEC's separate national police forces to those of the provincial states of West Germany. They would be powerless in their struggle against the highly

## Europe's police unite on terror

The European Economic Community is about to establish a central law enforcement structure to combat international terrorism. Its effects are likely to be felt well beyond the region, writes Thomas Land from London.

mobile and sophisticated urban terrorist cells without an efficient federal machinery providing central coordination. The Germans want the new convention to establish a legal framework for such international cooperation.

French specialists are deeply impressed by Britain's record in the safe handling of terrorist attacks involving hostages; and they want a wide international exchange of police information and experience. Senior British police officers were, indeed, at hand in Holland in an advisory capacity during the negotiations with the South Moluccan terrorists holding a trainload of prisoners last year. Conventions under the Interpol umbrella do not provide for cooperation of that sort.

ONE EXPLANATION of the sudden ministerial flurry of activity to put the proposed new convention into ac-

tion may be found in a recent of the terrorists' targets. Many or kidnapped dignitaries in the have tended to include diplomatic officials. But the business sportsmen and the like. But the kidnapping of a conference OPEC ministers in Vienna has fresh thinking by the Middle East strategists of terror and as diplomatic source put it, politics are sensitive to personal danger.

The search for fresh solutions against international terrorism began in earnest during the 1974 in the aftermath of the murder of Israeli Olympic athlete Specialist from Britain, West Germany and France as well as the Canada and Sweden gathered at a top-secret conference in Hilg Germany. Much of their discussion has still not been disclosed, but leaks, the case histories of recent terrorist confrontations, manoeuvres leading to the European convention reveal the stance of the talks.

The widespread deployment psychological negotiating tactics against terrorists hold hostages and the training specialist assault squads in cities follow the Hiltrop conference. For it was assumed, accurately, the terrorist outrages were likely intensify and that common criminals were soon to adopt the techniques of their political colleagues. By and large, counter-terrorism techniques, culled at Hiltrop and since further developed have worked least in the safe recovery of hostages.

One big question is the willingness of many states — especially in Africa and the Middle East — to provide asylum as well as as money and organisational base for terrorists. The new European convention may at least discuss them. For it would enable the European Community to speak at national forums on terrorism with single voice and, perhaps significantly, to link trade relations with good conduct in this increasingly sensitive sphere. If the works, other groups of countries may well establish similar structures.

### READERS' LETTERS

#### "DISTORTED IMAGE OF RHODESIAN JEWRY"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — The interview with Rabbi Sir, — The interview with Rabbi and Mrs. Zwebner (March 11) has caused great resentment and hurt among Rhodesian Jews.

Rabbi Zwebner is reported as having been the Chief Rabbi of Rhodesia. There has never been a post of Chief Rabbi of Rhodesia in the 52-year history of the Jewish community here. He was Minister of one congregation — the Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation.

As a rabbi, he should be aware of the gravity of presenting a negative image of a community of 4,000 souls without conceding to it even a single positive or redeeming feature. He appears unaware of the history of the Rhodesian Jewish community, the building up of its communal institutions, the fact that in 1897 the first Zionist Society was established here, the proud record of ranking over many years as the community with the highest per capita contribution to Zionist funds in the world.

The rabbi does not appear to acknowledge the proud record of the community in its contribution to the development of Rhodesia — both in peace and in war — and the loss of many of its sons in the fight against Nazi tyranny.

He talks sarcastically of spending money on grandiose buildings, when he himself, against strong and successful opposition, advocated the building of a new communal hall in Bulawayo up to the date of his departure.

He describes Savron Lodge, our home for the Jewish aged, as a five-star hotel. The elders of this community deserve nothing less so long as it is within our power to give them this. As for his reference to luxurious homes, obviously standards have improved over the years.

As for the derogatory remarks about our women attributed to Mrs. Zwebner, she would have done better to speak of the devoted work performed over the years in WIZO, synagogue guilds, welfare work for the Jewish community as well as other communities in need as well as practical results in Israel, instead of giving erroneous impressions.

If the rabbi's ally does not constitute a "running away from Rhodesia," why is he critical of those Rhodesian Jews who refuse to run? In point of fact, there is a small number of Rhodesian Jews who have gone on aliya, and many more people have children and other relatives living in Israel.

His dire predictions about Rhodesia and Rhodesian Jewry's fate may or may not prove correct — but

has certainly overplayed the dangers of anti-Semitism by citing the activities of a very small and discredited lunatic fringe with whom the authorities here have already dealt with promptly and effectively.

Rhodesian Jewry and the readers of The Jerusalem Post have been misled by the presentation of a completely distorted and negative picture of the community which, whatever its faults, does have many positive features.

The Honorary Officers of the Central African Zionist Organization fully endorse and associate themselves with the sentiments expressed in this letter.

(THE HON. J. A. E. ABRAHAMSON  
Bulawayo, Rhodesia.)

Sir, — The interview with Mrs. Zwebner and myself has unfortunately given a distorted impression of Rhodesian Jewry. It could be construed, from what I was reported to have said, that I have represented a negative image of this very fine Jewish community of 4,000 souls, without conceding to it even a single positive or redeeming feature. But this, I emphatically wish to stress, is far from the truth and completely erroneous.

Rhodesian Jewry can proudly boast of excellent communal institutions apart from the well-established and most active congregations, both in Salisbury and Bulawayo and three other Midland towns, and apart also from the many charitable and communal societies catering for all spiritual, cultural

and educational needs of the community as a whole.

This community has indeed proud record of great contribution to the development of Rhodesian Israel.

With regard to the remarks about spending money on "grandiose buildings" and about home for the aged called "Savron Lodge," these were certainly said sarcastically but, on the contrary, in a most positive tone to show how wonderfully organised Jewish Community is, so that it serve as a model to many Jewish communities throughout the Diaspora.

My wife and I feel very having left Bulawayo, as time of political crisis, it was difficult for them to fill the role of a spiritual leader. But, we always planned to return to it and join our own "chador" and in the land, which is a natural homeland.

Our attachment to the Rhodesian Jewish Community is deep rooted. We shall always cherish fond affection the size of friendships we have formed in beautiful country amongst its friendly people, both Jewish and Gentile alike.

If we have, inadvertently presented a rather distorted negative picture of the Rhodesian Jewish Community, and have time any way caused them hurt or may, it was certainly unintentional.

RABBI I. ZWEBNER  
Jerusalem.

### RESTRAINT URGED ON RABBI RABINOV

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Let us grant Rabbi Louis Rabinowitz all the points that he makes in favour of Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount (March 31). But does he really believe that Israel's international position is such that it is worth provoking riots in the Old City, a debate in the Security Council which left us wholly isolated (the U.S. veto notwithstanding), and the

estimable damage to Israel's age abroad which the whole has caused?

Now and then, one must exhibit some political maturity and control one's "yearnings," especially if it is a spiritual leader and a city councillor to boot.

LIZ MAGNAN  
Jerusalem.

## Dry Bones



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## Toon comes under fire

HA'ARETZ (Independent) discusses statements by U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon with regard to Israel's attempts to secure interim aid. "Toon's remarks grate on the ear. This is the method of 'talking down' Israel's efforts to convince Congress to supply the aid are not an action behind the back of President Ford, as the Ambassador is trying to make out. Rather, lobbying in an attempt to influence Congress is accepted behaviour in American politics. The American Ambassador in Athens, for example, did not complain when Greek-Americans worked towards cutting off aid to Turkey. At the same time we in Israel must give some thought to what the Ambassador called our 'political and economic facts of life.' Had we acted with more restraint in the matter of the standard of living, Government budgets, and so forth, we might have avoided the entire dispute. It is to be hoped that a solution will be found that will prevent excessive repercussions on the economy. As for the future, we would do well to be more cautious in everything connected with American aid, and take into account that it cannot continue at the level to which we have become accustomed over the past three years."

on the U.S., he can talk down to Israel. But the truth is that the U.S. needs Israel no less than Israel needs the U.S., for Israel is a major bulwark in the Middle East against the onslaught of the Soviet Union."

DAYAN (Histadrut) says that the hostility on the part of radical elements in the Third World and the Communist camp have enhanced the mutual understanding between Israel and South Africa, notwithstanding the many differences between them. At the same time there is no foundation to talk of an "anti-Communist alliance."

The South African Prime Minister has expressed the hope that his visit to Israel will not be detrimental to his country's ties with the Arab States. Similarly, Israel hopes that the visit — which does not alter our basic opposition to any form of racial discrimination — will not be detrimental to the understanding that still exists between Israel and some of the moderate African states. "It should be noted that Mr. Vorster has made efforts to achieve understanding with moderate states in various parts of the African continent, just as he is seeking a gradual détente between the races within South Africa itself. While South Africa's intervention on behalf of the anti-Communist forces in Angola (which was basically defensive in nature) has hindered such a détente in Africa, it is to be regretted that leading members of the Third World such as Sweden did not take advantage of the debate on the said intervention in the U.N. Security Council to denounce the Communist and Soviet-Cuban aggression which preceded the South African intervention."

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## Vorster announces schemes for cooperation

By DAVID LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

SOUTH AFRICA and Israel have agreed to step up trade and economic cooperation following the visit here of South African Premier John Vorster. There will be a joint ministerial committee to convene at least once a year to discuss and implement specific projects.

Mr. Vorster himself announced the establishment of the joint committee at a news conference in Jerusalem last night, prior to his departure after a four-day visit.

The areas in which the two countries had sought to expand their relations, Mr. Vorster said, included:

- encouragement of investments,
- development of trade,
- scientific and technical cooperation, and
- joint utilization of South African raw materials and Israeli know-how and manpower.

Mr. Vorster said he had "no comment" on a report from Pretoria that Israel would buy one million tons of coal annually from South Africa, beginning in 1979. But he indicated that this was a possibility under discussion. "It is a question of trade," he said. "I would have no objections to it."

The South African leader denied reports that his country and Israel were evolving an arms supply relationship. "The reply is no," he said when asked about this. "Don't hold me responsible for such reports."

It would be wrong for him, Mr. Vorster said, to offer an opinion on whether Israel should withdraw from the 1967 lines. His visit to Sharm el-Sheikh on Saturday had given him "a better insight" into the strategic issues involved in that area.

He agreed with questioners who pointed to a coincidence of interests between Israel and South Africa. While there were many differences, "there are similarities in many, many instances... from climatic conditions upwards."

He had not discussed with Premier Rabin (as some reports had speculated) the prospect of a joint strategy to reach out to the states of Black Africa. But it stood to reason, he noted, that his policy of détente with Black Africa — which had "succeeded to a great extent" — would be a topic of discussion between South Africa and Israel.

As time goes on, (our) relations (with Black Africa) will become better... The world needs to come to its senses to agree to differ on many things... What we need is to normalize relations between countries; to soft-pedal that which divides us and concentrate on that which we have in common. My policy is to normalize relations with all non-anti-Communist countries."

South African sources told The (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

## Battles resume as Syrian troops said moving on Beirut

By ANAN SAFADI  
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Intermittent clashes between pro-Syrian elements and PLO supporters took place yesterday in Beirut and neighbouring areas. The new flareup marred a 10-day "transitional" truce just extended until the end of this month.

The new fighting broke out almost immediately after a meeting of radical leftists accused Syria of invading Lebanon. They also accused the U.S. of meddling in Lebanese affairs. The champion of the leftists, Kamal Jumblatt, yesterday conferred with the special U.S. envoy in Beirut, Dean Brown, and then headed for the Soviet Embassy for talks.

Jumblatt demanded yesterday that the Syrians pull out some 6,000 armour-backed troops which, he said, they have sent into Lebanon to pressure leftists into accepting Syria's own brand of a political settlement to the Lebanese civil war.

Pro-Damascus elements in Beirut said that Syria's military presence in Lebanon has soared to about

20,000 troops. These elements said that the Syrian force, including regular forces as well as troops of the Damascus-controlled Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), was overrunning leftist strongholds and advancing on Beirut. There was no confirmation at this report by late last night.

Syrian tanks were reported deep inside Lebanon's eastern frontiers yesterday in an alleged attempt to tighten the grip on the supply routes of the Lebanese leftists and their allies in the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

One foreign report said that the Syrians have set up a roadblock on the Beirut-Damascus highway some seven kilometres inside Lebanon. It added that Syrian tanks have dug in around three strategic border posts they had captured from the leftists over the weekend.

Syria's only ally in the PLO, the Damascus-sponsored a-Sa'aka sabotage organization, reportedly seized Muslim districts in Beirut yesterday from leftist militias.

A-Sa'aka, whose ranks have been

reinforced by Syrian troops over the past few weeks, was further reported to have arrested three key officers of the rebel "Lebanese Arab Army" who joined the leftist camp after defecting from the Lebanese armed forces.

A-Sa'aka leader Zuhair Mohan yesterday charged that Egypt, Iraq, Libya and Saudi Arabia have been trying to undermine Syria's intervention in Lebanon.

The Syrians yesterday appeared to be exerting pressure on Lebanon's political factions to name a new head of state. Parliament last Saturday adopted a constitutional amendment virtually ousting President Suleiman Franjeh, whose six-year term had been due to expire next September 23.

Syrian President Hafez Assad last night said in Damascus that Franjeh has agreed to step down, and said Lebanon's legislators ought to name a new head of state now. Syria has said that political reforms should follow the appointment, dividing government posts between Christians and Muslims equally, as opposed to the previous 6:5 ratio in favour of the Christians. Muslim and Christian religious leaders have accepted the Syrian formula, but the leftists opposed it, demanding for more radical political reforms.

(Leader—page 8)

## Knesset told of 'vigilance'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

FOREIGN MINISTER Yigal Allon told the Knesset yesterday that the Government is aware of the danger that limited Syrian forces now in central Lebanon might lengthen the military front against Israel and is maintaining a vigilant alert along the northern border.

Speaking at the special Knesset session convened during this week's Pesach recess, Allon added that while the Government was making due allowances for "developments in and around Lebanon in the short and long term alike," it was wisest to put a moratorium on public statements at the moment.

He condemned alike the impotence of the United Nations in the Lebanese civil war and the "callous indifference of the Christian West," which remained aloof to the "terrible human tragedy of the Lebanese Christians for the sake of its own selfish convenience."

Presenting the Likud motion, Yigal Horowitz, of the newly-consolidated La'am faction, charged that cabinet ministers talk too much to

the press, radio and television. He said that when Israel announced that it would not intervene in Lebanon, all it meant was that it would continue to issue further statements.

Syrian President Hafez Assad, he said, was gradually drawing the cord of strangulation further around Israel's neck from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea. "What have you decided with the Americans and what have you not decided?" Horowitz demanded. "I want a clear answer. Israel cannot live with this confrontation border gradually closing in from the Litani River to Sidon to Metulla."

The U.S., Horowitz continued, intended to implement the Rogers plan and hand Judea and Samaria over to Yasser Arafat. Assad, he warned, was far more dangerous than Yasser Arafat and his PLO.

The Likud motion dealt also with the dispute with the U.S. on aid allocations. Mr. Allon's reply on this appears on page 3.

## Normal security work on border

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Security forces along the Lebanese border were yesterday continuing their regular security procedures, and no special activity was observed across the border. Indeed, despite rain and mist, many Lebanese farmers were out working in their fields opposite the Yiftah and Aviram areas.

IDF engineers were meanwhile continuing with large-scale fortification work along the border and in some of the front-line settlements.

It was reported that there are no Syrian troops or Syrian-organized Sa'aka terrorist units close to the border or south of the Litani.



SAUDI ARABIANS in army uniform and civilian dress waiting at an IAF officers club after their transport plane was forced to land at Ben-Gurion airport yesterday on trespassing into Israeli air space near the Lebanese border.

## Saudi plane, soldiers held overnight at B-G airport

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN  
and YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — A

Saudi Arabian air force transport plane which was forced to land here yesterday after straying into Israeli air space is expected to be released with its crew and passengers this morning. The plane, a C-130 Hercules, was discovered and intercepted by Air Force fighters near Be'er Sheva on the Lebanese border early in the afternoon.

The aircraft was on its way from Damascus to Riyadh with a crew of five, including three Americans, and 31 Saudi pas-

sengers — 25 soldiers and six civilians. The Saudis were taken to the Air Force base here, where they spent the night.

The IDF Spokesman said the aircraft would be allowed to continue on its way after an investigation into the circumstances of its penetration of Israeli air space. The passengers and crew were questioned by Israeli officials.

The captain of the plane and one of the leadmasters were Saudis. The first officer, a flight mechanic and another leadmaster were Americans. They were taken to the office of the base commander, where they

met Defence Minister Shimon Peres. The U.S. Air Attache was taking care of the three Americans.

The Saudi soldiers, mostly sergeants and corporals, apparently belong to a Saudi Arabian contingent which has been in Syria since the Yom Kippur War. They were on their way home for leave, one of them told a reporter.

Riyadh radio said the plane was on a postal flight. It said that Saudi would do everything possible to secure the early release of the aircraft and its passengers.

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## Heavy turnout in orderly West Bank municipal poll

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

A TOTAL OF 72.3 per cent of the West Bank's 174,000 eligible voters cast their ballots in municipal elections in 27 cities and towns throughout the West Bank, except for Nablus, where only 54.2 of the voters cast their ballots. Also 68.7 per cent of the area's 32,000 eligible women participated in the polling for the first time.

Final results of the vote were expected to be announced this morning. Preliminary reports indicated that self-styled radical nationalists made considerable gains from their conservative elders in the larger towns. Traditionalists maintained their positions in the in the smaller townships.

The newly elected councils are due to choose their mayors and take over the administrations in their towns within two weeks.

The most significant phenomenon yesterday was the low participation by the electorate in Nablus. It could not be determined by late last night whether the absence of over 45 per cent of the voters meant "no" to the dominant radical nationalist bloc, "yes" to the traditionalists who refused to take part in the elections in protest against recent confrontations with the authorities; or whether it was a response to the pro-Damascus Ba'athists who declared a last-minute boycott of the elections after Syria voiced its opposition.

Late shifts in voting patterns in the larger towns made it difficult to evaluate the prospects of radical nationalists in several other towns, mainly Ramallah and Tulkarm, where the staunch pro-PLO mayors Karim Khader and Hani Samoun hoped to be re-elected overwhelmingly. In Ramallah, voting exceeded the 70 per cent mark, while in Tulkarm it was close to 80 per cent.

Participation was particularly large in Hebron where 77.9 per cent of the electorate took part in the voting. The young agronomist, Fahd Kawasma, remained a favourite for the mayoralty in that town where the outgoing council head, Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'afari, in line with the traditionalists, refused to take part in the elections after a four-decade reign.

Most towns witnessed lively traffic at the polling stations despite rains sweeping over the hills around. Candidates and their supporters kept up their electioneering campaigns outside polling stations, often handing out pocket-sized cards listing their slates. Slogans blared from loudspeakers at a distance.

Despite the official ban on political debates, candidates raised national issues. One radical spokesman said, "Politics and local issues cannot be separated. What we are really seeking is our independence."

Election day was astonishingly orderly; local civilian police were the only forces out. For the first time in several months, the authorities withdrew all troops from the area and no soldiers could be seen, except off duty at hitch-hiking posts.

Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday evening visited a number of polling stations in Ramallah and Bethlehem. To the surprise of observers, he was applauded by young voters, mainly females, either coming out of the stations or just going in to cast their first ballots ever.

## Villagers keep womenfolk from voting

By YOEL DAI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KARATYA. — Contending that elections were "not women's business," the men in this town in the north of the West Bank yesterday denied their womenfolk the right to vote.

Kabatya Mayor Muhammad Khalil Hamdan explained that, "because of custom and tradition, elections were the concern of men only. Consequently, it was decided not to include women in the voters' register."

No women were seen inside the polling stations yesterday. They also did not protest the decision.

However, at Toubas, about 15 kilometres away, not only were women allowed to vote, but one of them was a candidate for the council chairmanship.

Mrs. Raba'eh Zoubi, head of a local welfare association, explained her candidacy by saying: "I want to assert women's rights to an active role and the equality of their status with men."

Her husband, a merchant, supported her candidacy and served as her campaign manager.

## U.S. envoy to be available in Lebanon

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. The special U.S. envoy in Lebanon, Dean Brown, is remaining in that country "to make himself available" to the various Lebanese factions in an effort to reach a political solution to the crisis, the State Department said yesterday.

Spokesman John Tattner told newsmen that the envoy's mission will continue, despite the request by Socialist leader Kamal Jumblatt that Brown "freeze" his mediatory efforts until after elections.

The spokesman called a "Washington Star" report over the weekend, that Syria was clearing its military escalations in Lebanon with Israel through the U.S. "a highly speculative and misleading article." He said: "It is untrue that the U.S. is clearing Syrian military actions with Israel."

Most political observers here insist that despite the denial and Sunday's denial from Jerusalem, the thrust of the "Star" report was accurate. It was reiterated yesterday.

David Landau adds: In Jerusalem last night, U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Ron said that the "Washington Star" report "that's not what I do here," he said of the "Star's" assertion that he was instrumental in negotiating between Syria and Israel over a limited Syrian intervention in Lebanon.

## 1 kg. opium found on Jaffa man

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A 27-year-old Jaffa man has been arrested allegedly in possession of a kilogram of opium and 20,000 Jordanian dinars. (The money is the equivalent of some \$145,000). The arrest on Sunday was preceded by the arrest of two pushers in the same area last week and the seizure of 15 portions of opium.

The opium seized then was of Turkish origin. Tests are now being run on the new seizure to determine if it too is from Turkey.

Turkish opium has been a fairly rare commodity over the past year. The market until recently was dominated by opium from Iran. Following the break-up of the "Israel-Iran connection" several months ago and the arrest in January of some 68 figures in the ring, there was a gap in the supply. Sunday's and last week's seizure indicate that this gap is being filled.

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Safed	98-14	9-11
Haifa	70-20	13-16
Tiberias	80-15	11-18
Nazareth	97-14	10-16
Afula	66-14	11-13
Shomron	57-18	10-15
Tel Aviv	58-18	15-19
B-G-Airport	47-18	13-23
Jericho	44-18	15-22
Gaza	41-18	15-20
Be'er Sheva	32-18	14-20
Eilat	26-22	19-28
Tiran	38-19	17-26

### Social and Personal

President Katzir was guest of honor yesterday at ceremonies opening Bat Yam's 50th Anniversary celebrations. During his visit Professor Katzir looked in on Israeli students studying Hebrew at a hostel, answered questions from 300 twelfth-graders at the Ort School, and was tendered a luncheon at the Pan American Hotel.

Mrs. John Vorster, wife of the Prime Minister of South Africa, yesterday toured WIZO institutions in Jerusalem in company with Mrs. Leah Rabin and members of the World WIZO Executive. Among those in the party were Mrs. E. Miller, wife of the South African Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mrs. Charles Fineman, wife of the South African Ambassador. The group were later the luncheon guests of World WIZO Executive chairman Aya Dinstein.

Pianist Arthur Schnabel was yesterday granted the Freedom of the City of Tel Aviv by Mayor Shlomo Lehat in a ceremony at the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra guesthouse.

Norwegian Tourism and Transport Minister Ragnar Christiansen and his wife were the guests yesterday of Tourism Minister Moshe Kol.

Ground was broken in Rehovot yesterday for a 60-dunam Joseph Margules Experimental Farm at the Hebrew University's agriculture faculty campus. Present at the ceremony were Hebrew University President Avraham Harman and 16 guests from the U.S. The latter included Mrs. Joseph Margules of San Francisco, widow of the late produce magnate, their son Howard Margules of Bakersfield and his wife, their daughter Mrs. Kenneth Colvin of San Francisco and her husband, Mr. Margules' partner Sam Cohodas of Ishpeming, Mich., and members of the Cohodas family.

## Holiday bus stoppages possible Non-stop talks to avert Egged breakdown

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Negotiations continued throughout the day and into the evening yesterday in an effort to form a wall-to-wall coalition of all three factions in a new secretariat for the Egged bus cooperative.

The secretariat resigned on Monday with the ruling group, the Progressive and Co. factions, reporting that it quit because the Government and Histadrut representatives on the 33-man managing board were not supporting its plan to ease the cooperative's financial difficulties.

If a coalition is formed, Egged's financial problems could be on their way out. However, if a coalition isn't formed, chaos may result, resulting in partial or full stoppage of Egged service within a few days. Egged members and wall coalition normally due to receive their pay on Thursday — which is a holiday. But unless financial aid is forthcoming from the Government, the cooperative will not have money to pay the salaries. There were reports yesterday that if the salaries were not paid by the eve of Pesach, there may be work stoppages during the holiday week.

A source close to the Government and Histadrut was optimistic last night that a wall-to-wall coalition would be formed. He told *The Jerusalem Post* that Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi would then meet with the new secretariat and — armed with a promise that Egged would sell their property and cut down on wages as proposed by the Golomb Committee — Ya'acobi would then call an extraordinary meeting of the Ministerial Economics Committee this morning to agree on interim financial aid of about IL200m. for the cooperative. By late afternoon or evening, the Knesset Finance Committee would be also asked to approve the aid, the source said. If the Knesset Committee agrees, then the cooperative members and workers would receive their salaries on the eve of or immediately after the holiday.

But all of the Egged factions have rejected the findings of the Golomb Committee, which was appointed by the Government to resolve the cooperative's problems. The committee proposed that Egged sell its subsidiaries which operate bus terminals and other facilities. Egged officials claim the committee overstepped its authority by reaching these conclusions without first determining who is responsible for the cooperative's deficits.

According to David Golomb, head of the committee, the concluding part of the memorandum will be submitted to the Ministerial Economics Committee in a couple of months after it obtains exact figures on how much money has been paid to Egged in recent years. Egged officials maintain, however, that these figures have already been submitted, both to the Government and to the committee.

Egged members also are upset because the Golomb Committee calls on them to cut their wages by IL600 a month for one year. They claim that no one in Israel has agreed to take such a severe pay cut and they will not be the first to do so.

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### 'Agree to disagree' on civil service wages

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

The second meeting between Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Histadrut leaders, held yesterday in Jerusalem over civil service wages, ended in deadlock. "They agreed to disagree," the Treasury spokesman, David Bar-Haim, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night. The first meeting took place on Sunday.

A suggestion to resume discussions later in the week was rejected by Rabinowitz, who said that enough time has been allowed to lapse already. The suggestion came jointly from Uriel Abrahamovics, chairman of the Histadrut's Trade Union Department, Haim Bernstein, head of the Civil Servants' Union, and Yitzhak Mann, of Customs and Excise, who spoke for those civil servants who get the "specific allowance." The Government wants to abolish the allowance in accordance with the recommendations of the Barak Committee.

The civil servants argued that other worker groups, in the banks

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Securing the intercepted Saudi aircraft at Ben-Gurion Airport.

## Saudi plane held overnight

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The interception took place at approximately 12:30 p.m. The 20-minute flight to Ben-Gurion Airport proceeded without incident.

When the plane landed on the runway in the western sector of the airport, it was immediately surrounded by heavy trucks to prevent it from attempting a take-off. The pilot was ordered to switch off his engines. He demurred, claiming that it was necessary to maintain radio contact with the control tower. After a quarter of an hour, the captain turned off the engines and then security forces took over the plane.

Reporters were allowed to approach the plane only two hours later. At that time, technicians were chaining the plane to links in the runway.

The plane itself is not very different from the Hercules regularly seen in Israel skies. The Saudi version is camouflaged in tan and blue. On the tail of the plane is the Saudi flag, while on the fuselage near the pilot's cockpit, is inscribed in English, the Royal Saudi Air Force. Technical instructions painted on the plane, indicating fuel inlets and certain other parts, are in English. The plane bears the number 1610.

The plane was carrying 36 men,

including five crew and six civilians. Three of the crew — the first officer, the flight engineer and one of the two loadmasters — were Americans. They evidently worked for an American company under contract to the Saudi Arabia Air Force.

At the airbase here, the Saudi Arabians were interrogated by Israeli security personnel, and then given lunch at the officers' club. At first, according to a waiter at the club, the Saudis did not want to touch the food. But then one of the men asked for a cup of tea. Quantities of tea were served and the men then made short shrift of the egg and meat sandwiches prepared by Israel Air Force cooks. There was also soft drinks, fruit and cakes.

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ment they had received so far was correct. Most of the Saudis ignored the newsmen and casually, if somewhat glumly, stared straight ahead.

Wolf Blitzer writes from Washington that the State Department named the Americans aboard the Saudi plane as employees of the Lockheed company on contract to the Saudi Defence Ministry. They were hired to provide maintenance and training operations for the Saudis, the department spokesman said, stressing that they were not connected with the U.S. Government.

The names of the Americans, as released by the Department, are: Arthur G. Phillips, co-pilot; Larry Chandler, flight engineer, and Charles Smith, load master.

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Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

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## Begin: Apology due from Toon

TEL AVIV. — Likud opposition leader Menachem Begin yesterday called on U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon to apologize for "tactless remarks" he made about the Israel Government.

Mr. Begin told reporters on his return from the U.S. that Washington and Jerusalem should stop making harsh remarks about each other concerning the \$550m. grant, which President Ford threatened to veto.

Mr. Begin said: "I have no doubt that the U.S. Ambassador overstepped his bounds when he accused the Israel Government of playing 'dirty pool' by approaching Congress."

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This Bethlehem woman casts a ballot for the first time in her life in yesterday's municipal elections.

(Rahamim Israel)

## Mapam wants riots probe

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mapam leaders claimed yesterday that alleged army and police heavy-handedness were partly responsible for the severity of the March 30 Arab riots in the north, in which five Arabs died. They demanded that the Government set up an enquiry committee to look into the causes of the riots which occurred during a strike against Government land purchase in Galilee.

Party political secretary Nartali Feder told the Mapam Political Committee that heavy concentration of police and army forces "were interpreted as a provocation." But he added that it was "reasonable to accept explanations that security forces had had to shoot to protect themselves from such attacks as an

attempt to fire a police car with men inside.

When Sa'ad Rabi of Jaljulya implied that the police had "acted indiscriminately," Eliezer Be'er reported: "Had there been indiscriminate shooting there would have been many more casualties. A State cannot agree that police be barred from a place." Be'er added.

The Mapam leaders were in a quandary over land expropriation. Feder said he supported development "but under no circumstances must it be made at the Arabs' expense." Eliezer Be'er argued that land must be expropriated for development projects. Mahmud Yunes of Ara complained that so far all land expropriations had been designed to benefit the Jews.

Party leaders opposed banning the Rakah (New Communist) Party which reportedly incited the riots.

### Haifa celebrates liberation day

HAIFA. — Haifa is today celebrating the 28th anniversary of its liberation during the War of Independence.

The city, whose downtown section fell to Israel's young army on the eve of Pesach, will commemorate those who died in the battle. The ceremonies are to be attended by municipal officials, the Town Mayor, and members of the families of the fallen.

Information on the period will be distributed, including an account of how arms hidden in jerry cans with false bottoms were smuggled to Jewish resistance units inside the city.

### GIRL VOLUNTEER STABBED, RAPED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SEIMONA. — Police in Upper Galilee are hunting the rapists and attempted murderers of a young volunteer from Kibbutz Kfar Ehim, found unconscious with severe knife wounds in her stomach yesterday morning.

The volunteer, Leslie Norman, 20, whose country of origin has not been established was found lying on a dirt path in the vicinity of Moshav Dalton by two young men of the moshav. They rushed her to Safad Government Hospital where she was operated upon. Her situation was described as serious and she is still unconscious.

Police assume that there was more than one assailant.

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## Friendship with U.S. still solid' Allon: Still hope to get \$550m.

By ASHER WALLFISH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

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hopes a positive

solution will be found to the

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Allon was replying to an urgent

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## 180 TO STRIKE IN ASHDOD PORT

ASHDOD. — A three-day warning strike by 180 of Ashdod port's workshop employees will begin after the Pessah holiday. The strike, approved by the city's Labour Council, is in protest over the refusal by the port management to pay overtime for work which it claims was performed within the regular work day. (Lim)

## Samaritan Pessah starts tonight

By SARAH HONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HOLON. — The world's some 490 Samaritans — more than half of whom reside here and the rest in Nabulus — will begin their Pessah celebrations at sundown tonight with the sacrifice of lambs on Mount Gerizim.

The Samaritans, all clad in traditional holiday white robes, have already gathered on the mountain outside of Nabulus, their holiest site. This, according to their count, is the 3,654th Pessah since the children of Israel left Egypt. The Samaritans, who consider themselves descendants of the tribes of Ephraim and Manasse, proudly point out that

they alone have for thousands of years been performing the Pessah ritual as literally prescribed in the Bible, down to the smallest detail.

The sacrifice of some 24 lambs is due to begin at 5.30 p.m. today. It will be the ninth Pessah ceremony which all members of the Samaritan community have been able to attend since 1948. Previously, when Mount Gerizim was under Jordanian rule, men from the Holon community were barred, having to do with a makeshift ceremony in Holon.

This year the military government started preparations for the feast a month ago. The sum of IL30,000 was allotted. The Min-

istry of Religious Affairs, in addition, granted an allowance for the purchase of lambs and flour for matzot.

The road to Mount Gerizim will be closed at noon today. Only those with special passes, among them many visitors, will be allowed through.

On March 30 the Samaritans celebrated their New Year's day in accordance with the biblical strictures that the month of Nissan "shall be unto you the beginning of the months. It shall be the first month of the year." On the 14th day of the month, according to biblical custom, each head of a household was to slaughter a lamb at dusk in memory of the Pessah miracle.

## Housewives stock up for Pessah

By SARAH HONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Housewives yesterday engaged in last-minute Pessah shopping, flocking to markets and supermarkets to stock up on provisions for tomorrow's Seder.

Up to yesterday afternoon, there was no pre-holiday price increases. The cost of foodstuffs remained stable although higher than a year ago. Many supermarket chains, in fact, held Pessah sales with the prices of vegetables, and in some cases meat, reduced.

Shelkem, for example, reduced the prices of chopped meat, frozen meat, cold cuts and sausages. The sales in Shelkem and other supermarket

chains will continue throughout April.

In most butcher shops and supermarkets, the price of fresh beef was slightly reduced and sold from IL24 to IL30 a kilo depending on the cut. Frozen beef prices ranged between IL12 and IL24. Turkey cuts were selling from IL12 to IL35. Fresh chicken prices varied between IL13 and IL15.

Carp, traditional in most Seder, sold for about IL12 a kilo. Most vegetables prices were reduced at the large stores. Cabbage could be bought for 90 agorot to IL120 a kilo, beets for IL1, and carrots for IL1.60. Horse radish roots, a Pessah essential for maror (bitter herbs), were selling at IL1.60

a kilo. Apples for the harvest were available for as little as IL3.80 for the smaller varieties to as much as IL8 a kilo for the large handsomer types.

Brisk sales continued in household wares and cleaning materials. Liquor and candy shops were busier than ever with many ordering gift baskets despite the economic anarchy.

Brisk business also was reported from all departments of the city's two large department stores. Book, toy, household appliance and apparel departments were especially crowded, partly because employees were using the holiday gift certificates they received from their employers.

## Plan adopted to preserve Scopus view

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An official plan for the preservation of the view from the British Commonwealth War Cemetery on Mount Scopus — a legal assurance unsuccessfully sought by the British Mandatory authorities during their decades of rule in Jerusalem — has now been adopted.

An outline of the plan, which will prevent the view between the cemetery and the Old City of Jerusalem from being blocked by construction, was presented Sunday by Mayor Teddy Kollek to the director-general of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Mr. A.E. Fiddell, who is currently visiting the cemetery.

The cemetery contains the graves of 2,400 officers and men from four countries who fought under the British flag during World War I in Egypt and Palestine. It also contains memorials for 3,600 others

who lie buried in other cemeteries in the region. On its central axis is the seven-foot-high Australian Imperial Force Memorial.

When the site was selected as a cemetery by the British immediately after the war, the area below it was agricultural. However, the development of the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital on the ridge began to draw development in the direction of Mount Scopus, and illegal building activity began to proliferate in the area. This caused considerable concern to the British authorities, particularly R. Kendall, the Town Planning Adviser to the Government of Palestine.

"The British War Cemetery, on its incommensurable site, is threatened with encroachment," he wrote at the time. "We are satisfied that the danger cannot be averted except by the purchase of adjacent land." An attempt was made to raise \$20,000 by public appeal in Great

Britain, Australia and New Zealand to purchase the critical 80 dunams directly in front of the cemetery. The project fell through, however, when only \$400 were raised.

Following the Six Day War, 2,400 dunams around the Old City, including much of the slopes of Mount Scopus, were designated as a national park. The area immediately below the cemetery — the area the British wanted to purchase — was set aside for a Hebrew University Sports Centre which would include a stadium.

Last February 15, the Jerusalem City Council sitting as the Local Planning Commission approved a plan for keeping open the eight lines from the cemetery to the Old City. The plan, fixing maximum building heights within this vista, will affect particularly the design of the nearby stadium. It is the first scenic observation point to be designated officially in Jerusalem.

## Israeli killed by

Texas hit-run driver

An Israeli seaman was killed and two others injured in Houston, Texas, last week, when the car in which they were riding was struck by a hit-and-run truck driver.

The fatality was an engine room rating, Ya'acov Goldstein, 22, of the Zim freighter Yafa. His injured mates are Emlil Cordias, 20, a cook, and Shimon Lasri, 21, a deckhand, both Haifa residents.

THE ISRAELI PRIZE for 1976 in technology and applied engineering will go to Prof. Yosef Rom, dean of the Technion's Faculty of Aeronautical Engineering. The prize is to be awarded at the close of the Independence Day celebrations in Jerusalem.

## Menuhin offers contribution to J'lem Foundation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yehudi Menuhin, who refrained from joining the artists and intellectuals in denouncing the 1974 Unesco resolution which condemned Israel for the archaeological digs being carried out in Jerusalem, is now willing to contribute to the Jerusalem Foundation, according to the municipal spokesman.

The violinist has offered to Mayor Teddy Kollek to contribute to the Foundation half his earnings from a concert he is to give in Carnegie Hall marking his 60th birthday. His offer follows a series of contacts with the mayor and Ehud Avriel, Israel's consul-general in Chicago.

The Jerusalem Foundation provides funds for the construction of parks, community centres, libraries and other facilities in East and West Jerusalem. It has also contributed towards some archaeological excavations.

## Holiday bus schedules

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Bigger plans to put about 3,000 buses into service tomorrow, Pessah eve, to cope with the expected pre-holiday rush.

The last buses will depart from Tel Aviv as follows: to Eliat-Urim-Tsillon 2.30 p.m.; Gvar-Am, Yad Mordchai 2.45 p.m.; Yavne, Jerusalem, Lod, Kiryat Gat, Rehovot, Rishon LeZion, Holon, Bat Yam, Beer Ya'acov, Ramle at 5 p.m.

From Eliat to Tel Aviv at 3 p.m.; from Tel Aviv to Haifa at 5 p.m. The service from Haifa and Jerusalem will end as on Fridays.

On Thursday night the service will be renewed as on a regular Saturday night schedule. On line 400 from Givatayim, Ramat Gan and Bnei Brak to Jerusalem, the last bus will leave tomorrow at 2 p.m., the same time from Jerusalem at 3 p.m.

Dan buses will stop running tomorrow at 5.30 p.m.

## Two Arab villages linked to highway

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TAIBA. — Two small Arab villages, Muawiya, in the Triangle, and Dahl, in the Jezreel Plain, have been linked to the highway by approach roads. Each road is about four kilometres long and cost IL1m. No Arab village in the Jezreel Valley is now without an approach road, Labour Ministry adviser Yehoshua Haboushi said on Sunday.

## Week-long bazaar in Acre

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — A week-long bazaar featuring oriental arts and crafts and western chamber music in the Knights' Hall in the Crusaders Citadel are part of this town's holiday programme for tourists from Israel and abroad.

This annual bazaar at the reconstructed Turkish Khan will open on Thursday night. Some fifty artists and craftsmen are putting their sculpture, paintings and handicrafts on show at the bazaar, which is to remain open until April 24. An innovation this year is a play in which actors and puppets take part, at the Knights' Hall on Thursday afternoon. The actors will share the stage with 22 puppets, in the style of the wandering players of the Middle Ages. The

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## Solzhenitsyn invited to visit Israel

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Israeli Parliamentary Committee for the Invitation of Alexander Solzhenitsyn yesterday wrote the Russian writer at his home in Switzerland, inviting him to make a visit here.

Geula Cohen (Likud), the coordinator of the committee, signed the letter along with Hillel Seidel (ILP), Shulamit Aloni (CRM), Yehuda Ben Meir (NRP) and Avraham Werdiger (Poale Aguda). Micha Harish (Alignment) said he would cooperate with the committee without formally belonging to it.

The message hailed Solzhenitsyn as a campaigner on behalf of Israel and Zionism, as well as human rights and the rights of the Russian people. It assured him that he would be welcomed here warmly by academics, writers and, above all, ordinary Israelis.

The Soviet immigrant writer Mikhail Agursky, who was close to Solzhenitsyn in Russia, advised Geula Cohen and her committee on the text of the invitation.

## 9-year sentence upheld in booby-trap killing

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a nine-year manslaughter sentence given to a former paratrooper who killed his brother-in-law by booby-trapping his motor-scooter. Both the prosecution and the soldier — Moshe Cohen of Tel Aviv — had appealed the sentence.

Cohen planted a fragmentation-grenade in the scooter during the early hours of March 26, 1974. He told police later that he was avenging a very severe beating the brother-in-law had given him due to a quarrel between the latter and Cohen's sister.

The court did not accept Cohen's claim that he had only intended to cause damage to the scooter and not to its rider. On the other hand, the justices rejected the prosecution's demand for a heavier sentence, saying a nine-year prison record was sufficient punishment. (Tim)

## Employers to pay higher levy for sick funds

By AARON SITTNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Employers' costs are up following a decision by the Knesset yesterday to increase their contributions to the Kupat Holim Counterpayment Tax.

In a majority vote, the House sanctioned a Government-sponsored amendment to the existing sick fund contribution law which raises an employer's payments from 2.7 per cent to 3.4 per cent of his wage IL. The new rate is effective April 1.

According to the law, the National Insurance Institute acts as collection agent for the employers' contributions, and distributes the moneys to the various sick funds.

Originally enacted in 1973, the Kupat Holim Counterpayment Tax raised IL519.3m. in the 1975/76 fiscal year and IL500.4m. the following year. Income for this year is expected to reach IL720m., and estimates for next year are put at IL850m.

In another action during yesterday's special session, a majority of the MKs backed the Government's proposal to extend the Savings Loan law for another year.

The law requires an employer to deposit with the Treasury 2.7% per cent of his wage, which is a loan fund which pays three per cent interest, tax-free.

The Bill approved yesterday — titled Savings Loan Law of 1976 — is identical with the one passed last year, except for one change: from now on the principal sum will be linked to only 90 per cent of the rise in the Consumer's Price Index whereas in previous years the principal was fully linked to the index. Likud speakers attacked both of the Bills introduced yesterday, asserting they were detrimental to the economy since employers would now seek to trim their staffs to avoid paying higher levies.

BORDER POLICE units stationed close to the Lebanese border are now going over to the force's new working uniform — which is olive-green and made of stronger cloth than the old khaki uniform.

AN ISRAELI DELEGATION on flight talks with Mexico, returned on Sunday night. The talks will be resumed within a few weeks.

## TV COMES UNDER FIRE ONCE AGAIN

By AARON SITTNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel Television yesterday again came under heavy criticism for its "unbalanced" view of Israel life. A member of the Broadcasting Authority's managing committee last night charged Israel Television with "seeking out and magnifying the negative aspects of Israeli life" while ignoring its positive side.

Eliad Peled, who is director-general of the Education Ministry, mentioned the "Mabat" news programme and "Nahal Roeh," the recently-concluded satirical series, as being "especially destructive."

He made the comments at the weekly meeting of the managing committee. Other members complained that "Mabat" and various interview shows tended to give exaggerated coverage to minority views. But one member — Journalist Ariel Weinstein — said the opposite was true, that "the hand of the Government seems too apparent in our television programming."

Defending the work of Israel Television's staff, Authority director-general Yitzhak Livni insisted that the quality of its work is improving and "better, more variegated and more balanced programming will become evident as the level of professionalism rises."

Officials at the Authority were reported to be disturbed by the sharply worded protest forwarded to it by the Foreign Press Association last week over TV's identification of U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toot as the "senior Western diplomat" who — in a private briefing to the EPA — accused Israel of "playing dirty pool" by attempting to pressure Congress into approving more interim aid to Israel against the will of President Ford.

In their protest, the EPA attacked TV newsman Ya'acov Ahmeir for naming Mr. Toot. "This act," said the foreign newsmen, "is a blood-

curdling example of irresponsibility and a violation of professional ethics."

One Broadcasting Authority official told *The Jerusalem Post* last night: "Mr. Ahmeir did not violate any journalistic norm. He was not invited to Mr. Toot's briefing and thus did not obligate himself to obscuring the identity through a name, and foreign newsmen in Israel can hardly complain about this since they are often the first to divulge news which is given them in closed forum, with the understanding that it is only for background knowledge."

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## Sadat says Geneva talks can start without PLO

VIENNA. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat resumed his talks with Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky yesterday after indicating in a newspaper interview the Geneva Middle East conference could at least start without the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

"We will do our best that they (the PLO) can go to Geneva," he said in the interview. "But if this is not successful, the first point on the agenda of the conference should be the participation of the Palestinians. The conference in Geneva is a peace conference and there can be no permanent peace in the Middle East without the Palestinians."

Before coming here, Sadat and Yugoslav President Tito had said in a communiqué that the PLO should participate in the Geneva talks as an "equal partner."

Sadat, in an interview with the Vienna "Kronenzeitung," also spoke of differences within the Arab camp.

"There is a problem regarding the position of several of my Arab colleagues," he said. "They have made no decision so far. One day they say they agree and will go to Geneva, the next day they say, no, we will not go."

Sadat arrived here Saturday on the final stop of a five-country tour. Earlier he had visited West Germany, France, Italy and Yugoslavia.

He talked with Kreisky on Middle East problems, economic cooperation and the Austrian political system as a possible example for Egypt, it was said.

Economic topics discussed included the establishment of an Egyptian-Austrian company with a starting capital of \$100m, to promote the establishment of firms in the Suez Canal zone, and Austrian participation in the construction of a railroad and road tunnel under the canal, a power plant near Suez, and irrigation plants. (AP)

## Egypt's Vice-President will visit Peking

CAIRO. — China has promised to supply Egypt with spare parts for its Soviet-equipped industry and has invited Egypt's vice-president for an official visit, in what officials here called the beginning of a new phase in Cairo-Peking relations. This would be the first visit to China by a top Egyptian official.

Announcing the spare agreement to the press in Cairo yesterday, Information Minister Gamal El-Obeidi gave few details but said Prime Minister Mamdouh Salem had thanked China for its pledge of help.

At the same time the Middle East News Agency reported from Vienna, where President Sadat is on a visit, that vice-president Hosni Mubarak would travel to Peking shortly for talks on trade and military cooperation.

China's overtures to Cairo follow Egypt's unilateral decision to scrap its 15-year friendship treaty with the Soviet Union — its traditional supplier of much of the equipment used in the country's heavy industry. But yesterday's announcement was the first official indication that the Soviet Union may also halt the supply of industrial spare parts in retaliation for Egypt's decision to rescind the treaty, and refuse the Soviets naval facilities in Alexandria. (Reuters)

BIG BUNNY — Hugh Hefner announced yesterday he will step down as president of the Playboy entertainment empire he founded in 1953. As part of new organizational and economic moves in the company, Hefner will become chairman of the board, with a 25 per cent cut in salary.



Wide Awake dropped dead immediately after Queen Elizabeth awarded the horse first prize at the end of Sunday's horse trials at Badminton, England. The champion jumper suffered an apparent brain haemorrhage. Princess Anne, with back turned, is seen at extreme right. (AP Radiophoto)

## Dutch clinch Volleyball Cup

Event concludes in Capital today

By JACK LEON

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Holland has won the 15th annual Spring Volleyball Cup here, already taking an invincible lead in the finals even before the last round of matches was played off last night.

The Dutch clinched the issue on Sunday night by defeating Belgium 3-0, winning 15-11 in each set of a 90-minute contest at Afeka's Beit Hahabim. This followed their 3-0 victory over Spain on Saturday. The powerful Dutch team have thus taken the trophy for the loss of only one set in the five matches they have played.

At the same venue, Israel was beaten 2-3 by Spain, after leading 2-1. The Spaniards got home 15-5, 14-16, 11-15, 15-10, 15-7 in a 150-minute marathon of fluctuating fortunes. This was the second consecutive defeat for the Israelis, who went out 1-3 to Spain in their opening fixture in the group.

Though Holland has already gained the trophy in the 13-nation competition, the final placings of the other three countries in the pool depended on last night's games at the Yad Eliahu stadium here, Spain was due to meet Belgium, followed by a match between Israel and the Netherlands.

In the tournament for fifth to eighth places at Emek Hefer, the Dutch beat Greece 3-0 to virtually ensure themselves fifth position in the final standings, France defeated Finland 3-1.

Also being played off at Emek Hefer has been the meet to decide ninth to 13th place in the competition, with the participation of Denmark, England, Luxembourg, Portugal and Scotland.

The whole event, which started on April 6, will wind up today, when all the teams visit Jerusalem.

RAMAT HASHARON Tennis Centre (April 20-23). A tournament at Jerusalem's YMCA courts could not be arranged because of the Easter holidays.

Rain almost washed out yesterday's programme in the Pessah junior tennis championships here. In the only match that could be completed before an early morning downpour ended the fifth day of play, second-seeded Ronny Wertheimer was hustled out of the boys' under-18 quarter-finals by Tommy Friescher, whose 6-1, 6-2 victory was the first big upset of the championships.

## 21 Brazilians trampled after faith-healing

RIO DE JANEIRO. — State police were still searching yesterday for a popular faith healer who fled Sunday after his inaugural service at the new Pentecostal Love and God Church ended in a frenzied panic in which 21 persons were trampled to death.

The victims included five children and 11 elderly women, some of whom had attended the service in hopes of having illnesses cured.

No immediate cause for the panic has yet been determined. Various reports said an explosion, a collapsing wall, or the hysteria of a woman who had fallen into a trance sent the crowds, estimated in the thousands, streaming for the main door of the church. (UPI)

## Seoul bows out of soccer match

SEOUL. — South Korea yesterday decided to give up its scheduled second soccer match against Israel in Tel Aviv next Sunday in the Asian Zone Group three qualifying round for the summer Olympics in Montreal.

The South Korean Soccer Association announced that it made the decision because Israel already has clinched the right to represent the group in the Olympics, regardless of the outcome of the Israel-Korea game.

Israel won the three-way double round robin qualifying series when it beat Japan in Ramat Gan on Sunday for its third straight victory against no losses.

Israel beat both Japan and South Korea in their first matches here early this month. (AP)

## Egypt reported interested in French plane

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Egyptian Defence Minister General Abdel Ganiy is very interested in buying the French Transall troop transport, General Jacques Mitterrand, general manager of France's state-owned Aerospace aircraft corporation, said here yesterday.

Mitterrand, brother of the French Socialist leader, told reporters that Ganiy voiced interest during a visit to France last month.

If Egypt buys the Transalls, these will supplement the six C-130 Hercules transports recently ordered from the United States. The Transall can carry up to 16 tons — as many as 100 troops in full kit with tanks and armoured vehicles — and has a range of 4,700 km at a cruising speed of 500 kph.

France and West Germany are partners in the C-130 Transall to meet NATO requirements. The Germans have received 76 aircraft, France 50, and a further 20 gone to Turkey and nine to South Africa.

General Mitterrand said the French aircraft, which is already equipped with the Transall, is keen to place a new order for this hardy twin-prop aircraft. The assembly line was closed recently after delivery of the 169th aircraft and Aerospace would need orders for at least 75 aircraft to justify reopening its production line, he added.

By ERIC SILVER

NICOSIA. — If the Cypriots were the refugees with the Mercedes, the 3,000 Lebanese who have found a haven in Cyprus over the past fortnight are the refugees with the safe deposits.

"Many of the Lebanese," a customs spokesman said in Larnaca last week, "are like mobile goldsmiths." The pro-Makarios daily paper "Phileletheros" confirmed the story with a three-column headline: "The Lebanese have filled our banks with gold and diamonds."

An official of an international Christian organization, who flew to the island from Beirut, reported hearing an immigration officer ask a new arrival whether he had enough money to live on. The Lebanese pulled out \$10,000 in hundred-dollar bills and asked if that would do.

Not all of the 3,000 Lebanese are in the oil-sheikh league, but the yachts moored in the marina at Larnaca bear witness to the several who are. The urban Arab and French of Beirut rifle through the four-star Hilton in Nicosia and the Apollonia Beach in Limassol. The smaller hotels are packed with less opulent Lebanese, and the rent of furnished flats has doubled to about \$300 a month.

Nearly all the refugees are Maronites, with a sprinkling of Greek Orthodox, Greek Catholic and Armenian. I heard of only one Moslem family, and no Palestinians.

Until last week, they tended to stay in Cyprus for only two or three days before flying on to Europe, North and South America, Australia, or the Persian Gulf, usually to join relatives long established there. The latest batch, however, prefers to wait in the Eastern Mediterranean in the hope of an early settlement.

I met Muntir Shalaka, a 28-year-old textile merchant, in a supermarket in Grivas Avenue, Nicosia, where refugees gather every evening to drink coffee, nibble yogurt and beans, and exchange news and gossip. His father and mother, he said, were still in Lebanon, but he had a brother, a doctor, living in Paris and another in Saudi Arabia.

Like many of the refugees, rich and poor, he had come to Cyprus by freighter from the small port of Jounieh, 18 kms from Beirut along a corridor held by Christian forces. The airport even when it was open, was less accessible. The ticket had cost him \$80. Other refugees told me they also had to pay an exit tax of \$40 to the Phalangists.

There were about 200 passengers crowded on the deck. Shalaka recalled, "We were on the boat for 24 hours with no water and no bread. There was one filthy toilet for all of us." Another refugee said he was one of 84 passengers on a boat licensed to carry 12.

Muntir insisted that he was not turning back on Lebanon, nor was anyone else he knew. He had managed to bring out \$3,000. "If my money runs out before things

get better, I'll go to Paris," he said. "Till then, I'm staying in Cyprus so that if the cease-fire goes well, I can get back quickly."

He shares a flat with a group of friends, rents a Ford, and spends his nights in clubs and bouzouki bars. Business is dead in Beirut, but life goes on in Nicosia.

Shalaka was lucky. He had an account in a bank near Jounieh and found it still open when he was making for the port. The manager let him draw dollars. Many others could only bring what they had under the mattress, and they complain that the Cypriots are giving less every day for the Lebanese pound.

The first cases of hardship are beginning to surface. Ohannes, an Armenian shoemaker who came to Cyprus with three teenage boys — his son, his nephew and his son's friend — had run out of cash after paying a week's hotel bill of \$160. With a group of 25 refugees, they had set out for Stockholm, but had been turned back at Athens airport because they did not have Swedish visas.

Ohannes had approached the Lebanese embassy in Nicosia for help, at least until he got his refund on the unused airline tickets. "The Ambassador came to our hotel," Ohannes said. "He inspected the conditions in which we were living, but said he had no money to give us. The Ambassador told me he himself hadn't been paid for ten months."

Laila, the wife of a Beirut chauffeur whose house near the presidential palace had been hit by a shell, had been robbed of her last \$250 by another Lebanese refugee.

"He offered to change my money because the Cypriots would cheat me," she wept. "The next day he flew off to Cairo with it. I had no money for my four children's food, and the hotel manager said if I didn't pay up he would take our suitcases."

I met Ohannes and Laila, who asked me not to publish their full names, at the office of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which has quasi-diplomatic status in Cyprus. So far as I could find out, the

## IRA missed chance for atom bombs

LONDON. — A military correspondent for the Beaverbrook newspapers has stirred Government circles with reports of a book he will publish next month showing how the Irish Republican Army could have got its hands on nuclear weapons.

Discussing the background of his book, "The Eye of the Tornado," Chapman Pincher said that some time ago he discovered that fully armed warheads of Polaris missiles were being transported from the Royal Navy submarine base at Gare Loch in Scotland for inspection at the atomic weapons research establishment at Aldermaston in England in a small, auxiliary vessel without guns and manned by merchant seamen.

And the ship's route took it along the Irish coast where it could easily have been hijacked by the IRA.

"In fact," Pincher said, "there was a terrific panic one night when this vessel failed to report while travelling up past the Irish coast. There were such fears of an IRA hijack that a fast warship was sent out from Portsmouth and found the auxiliary which had simply suffered a radio equipment failure."

Kenneth Warren, a Member of Parliament, has written to Defence Secretary Roy Mason asking whether he will examine the book "to establish that its publication will not prejudice the defence of Britain."

Warren said in an accompanying statement that if the revelations have not been approved "then the KGB will be eager readers." (UPI)

## Husak offers to restore liberal Czechs to party

PRAGUE. — Czechoslovak Communist Leader Gustav Husak made a surprise offer yesterday to restore party membership to a number of liberals purged after the 1968 Soviet-led invasion of their country.

The conditional offer, extended in a keynote address opening the 15th Congress of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, was the most concrete conciliatory gesture of Husak's seven-year reign. But it was worded to exclude key figures of Alexander Dubcek's "Prague Spring" and anyone unwilling to swear full allegiance to the Soviet-backed Prague regime. (AP)

## While the PLO helps the less fortunate Lebanese Cyprus hosting 'richest refugees ever'

get better, I'll go to Paris," he said. "Till then, I'm staying in Cyprus so that if the cease-fire goes well, I can get back quickly."

He shares a flat with a group of friends, rents a Ford, and spends his nights in clubs and bouzouki bars. Business is dead in Beirut, but life goes on in Nicosia.

Shalaka was lucky. He had an account in a bank near Jounieh and found it still open when he was making for the port. The manager let him draw dollars. Many others could only bring what they had under the mattress, and they complain that the Cypriots are giving less every day for the Lebanese pound.

The first cases of hardship are beginning to surface. Ohannes, an Armenian shoemaker who came to Cyprus with three teenage boys — his son, his nephew and his son's friend — had run out of cash after paying a week's hotel bill of \$160. With a group of 25 refugees, they had set out for Stockholm, but had been turned back at Athens airport because they did not have Swedish visas.

Ohannes had approached the Lebanese embassy in Nicosia for help, at least until he got his refund on the unused airline tickets. "The Ambassador came to our hotel," Ohannes said. "He inspected the conditions in which we were living, but said he had no money to give us. The Ambassador told me he himself hadn't been paid for ten months."

Laila, the wife of a Beirut chauffeur whose house near the presidential palace had been hit by a shell, had been robbed of her last \$250 by another Lebanese refugee.

"He offered to change my money because the Cypriots would cheat me," she wept. "The next day he flew off to Cairo with it. I had no money for my four children's food, and the hotel manager said if I didn't pay up he would take our suitcases."

I met Ohannes and Laila, who asked me not to publish their full names, at the office of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which has quasi-diplomatic status in Cyprus. So far as I could find out, the

## Spain captures 'top Basque terrorists'

MADRID. — Spanish police have captured several top Basque nationalist guerrillas, it was reported yesterday. But the government imposed a news blackout on the arrests as the dragnet widened. Meanwhile violence continued in the northern Basque provinces as Civil Guardsmen fatally shot a 28-year-old radio operator whose car had failed to stop at a checkpoint. The death came only hours after a 40-year-old Civil Guardsman was electrocuted when he tried to remove a Basque separatist flag from high-tension cables at Baracaldo near Bilbao.

Informal sources in Madrid said the arrests were made in the Basque country following the killing last week of a 56-year-old industrialist kidnapped by the Basque guerrilla group ETA and the spectacular jailbreak of 29 prisoners, mostly ETA members. Sources said the Interior Ministry sent a note to all Spanish news agencies and newspapers yesterday morning ordering

them not to report the arrest. Police investigations related to ETA for 24 hours.

Interior Minister Manuel Fraga declared war on ETA last Tuesday, shortly after industrialist Berazadi, kidnapped on March 25, was found shot dead on a road near San Sebastian in the Basque country.

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The news blackout was apparently ordered because police were bogged down by the trail of other members of ETA which seeks to set up an "independent socialist republic" in Basque provinces.

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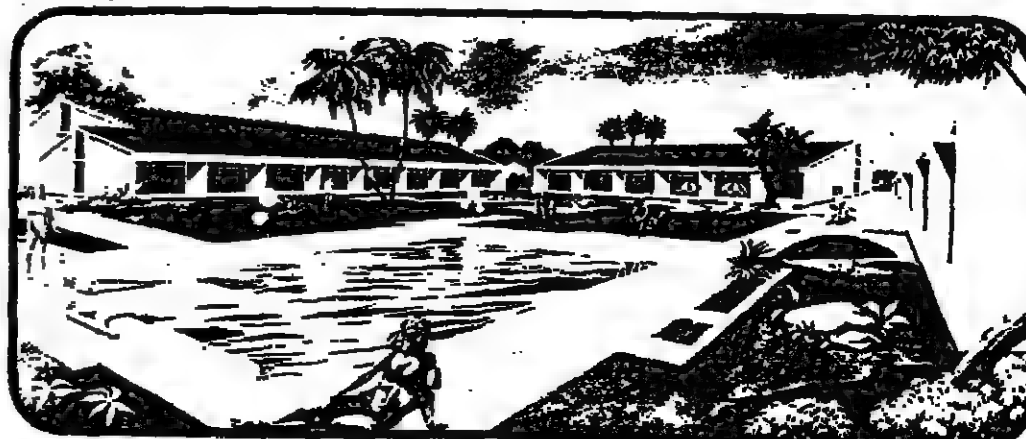
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(Jerusalem Post)

## Attracting girls into the avionics lab

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"IF 'AVIONICS' was the name of a new brand of toothpaste, a market would certainly be found for it. Unfortunately, referring to it as a technical training programme for girls, it is somewhat harder to sell."

Miriam Fiedel, principal of Moetzet Hapalot/Pioneer Women's vocational high school in Jaffa, was lamenting the fact that so few girls take advantage of the one year, pre-army technical training which has been offered by the school for four years now (in cooperation with the Air Force and the Ministry of Labour).

"Do they really think it's more interesting to do clerical work in the army — and afterwards in the civilian market — as opposed to being a lab technician?" she commented. "I think it's simply a matter of education — and of preconceived notions that technical work is not for girls."

"Our course involves mathematics and physics on the level taught in tenth grade," she explained. "Many girls are very competent in these areas but are unfairly prejudiced against science from the very beginning."

The course was originally open to high school graduates, whose army service was then postponed for the year necessary to complete the course. Later, twelfth-graders were accepted. Now, to partially stem the tide of the large numbers of girls leaving school after tenth grade, eleventh-graders are also accepted. "The problem, though, isn't the

academic level," Mrs. Fiedel explained, "but rather the possibility that a girl deciding to leave school may have behaviour problems or other personal difficulties, and it's hard to train them under such circumstances."

IN THE HOPES of attracting more girls by publicizing the work of avionics lab girls, Moetzet Hapalot recently organised a press tour to an Air Force base where graduates of the course are working.

"We usually have visitors," the commander of the base said when we arrived. "They interrupt the routine and cause all sorts of problems. But this is an exception because I think it is extremely important to encourage more girls to try new kinds of work. Our girls do things we never dreamed they would or could five years ago."

It must be pointed out, though, that as we toured the base, most of the girls we saw were working in the traditional areas of clerical jobs; parachute folding, and so forth. One graduate of a commercial high school said she was disappointed in her job as a supply clerk in a maintenance garage, adding that regular office work would interest her more than "all this equipment."

We did, however, finally get a chance to talk to the lab girls themselves, most of whom are graduates of the Moetzet Hapalot course. One young woman, Orna, said she had come to the course because her older sister, a vocational counselor, had suggested it. Others enrolled because they finished high school some time before their scheduled army service.

and preferred the course to what temporary civilian jobs were available.

THEIR WORK involves electronics and delicate mechanics. For the most part, it is a job which requires finger dexterity and eye-hand coordination more than intellectual ability, though some basic theoretical knowledge is essential. Most of the equipment they repair and "rejuvenate" is small, but even work with larger units is not physically taxing or exhausting. Since all the equipment they work on is indispensable to the pilot, they examine their work at each stage of the operation to make sure all is in perfect working order.

Though one tour participant confessed that she wouldn't send her daughter to such a course because the work seems boring and nerve-racking, the girls actually doing it were very happy, and assured us there is no other army job they would rather have. As to whether they will remain in the field afterwards, that's something which none of them have yet decided. These girls are grabbed by the civilian labour market, a few remain in the army after compulsory service, a few teach (either in the Air Force or in outside courses) and, inevitably, some leave the field entirely.

Graduates of Moetzet Hapalot's technical and aeronautical draftsmanship course are also working at the same base. That course is given in Rehovot and is now in its "Bar Mitzvah" year, a continuing partnership between the Air Force and Moetzet Hapalot.

### Music

## Not cut out to be a soloist

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, conducting concert No. 4, Robin Maika (April 7); Chaim Tanai, violin; Bloch: Violin concerto; Schubert: Symphony No. 5 in B-flat Major; Gershwin: "An American in Paris"

BLOCH'S violin concerto is unjustifiably neglected, even though only its first and second movements are rewarding. What the greatest composers were often able to avoid — a marked decline of inventiveness in the third movement of a big work — seemed beyond Bloch's power. What is particularly interesting in his work is the way in which he was able to transform the outspokenly Jewish melos of the concerto into a universal language.

Like Bloch's famous "Shlomo" and other works, the concerto is rhapsodic in form, the melodic line forming an uninterrupted continuity. All this would seem to offer a soloist ample possibilities, but Chaim Tanai was able to exploit them only partially. Nobody would challenge his musicianship, his intrinsic musicality or his serious and earnest attitude but he simply is not cut out to be a soloist.

Playing from a score, he at first appeared tense, unable to open up and reveal his potential. True, as the movement progressed, he gained in confidence and certainty but his tone remained small and never became really substantial enough to rise above the orchestra. The exquisite, mysterious second movement, kept almost throughout at the lowest dynamic level, emerged the most impressive of the three.

Schubert's "Fifth", like his "Third" in the previous programme, was given a lovely treatment. Maika caressed the music, obviously deriving immense pleasure from every note. He "played" on the orchestra like a pianist on his instrument, where lightness of touch often makes the music sound elegant and charming. It was a smiling, joyous Schubert.

Gershwin's "An American in Paris" showed yet another facet of Maika's many-sidedness. The interpreter of Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms and Mahler proved no less at home in the style of the musical, the blues and early jazz.

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Through the Looking Glass/Joanna Yehiel

## Put your best foot forward



I recently did have a pedicure at my local hairdressers, which came to IL22. It included removing dry skin and painting the toe nails, so the prices compare quite well.

As far as "natural" beauty treatments for your feet go — walking barefoot is probably the best, especially on a sandy beach (if you can find one without tar). Soaking them in warm water (I like to add sea salt, and some people recommend Dead Sea salt, which can be bought for about IL46 a kilo at most pharmacies) or splashing alternately cold and hot water on them, are classic beauty treatments.

afraid, that's already a big plus over many pedicures I've had in hairdressing salons. Then, the main emphasis is not on what colour nail varnish you want (they don't apply it at all), so they really concentrate on removing rough and split skin round the heels, treating corns and calluses, and generally giving your feet a healthy once-over. They'll give you advice on foot care, and all the creams they sell smell relatively pleasant, too. The treatment (for both feet) is IL25; as there wasn't much work on my feet, they said, it cost me IL18. You can also get a slight reduction if you buy a "subscription."

AS CLOTHING fashions vary from year to year, so do sunglasses. Polaroid's Israel representative, Ami Kaplan, says he exclusively will be handling the fashionable 1976 line of Danish frame designer Pierre Totto. He is importing them in limited amounts of up to five frames each, however, "so a person who buys a pair won't see his neighbour wearing them the next day." What will be fashionable this year? Pastel frost shades and frames in duo-contrast colours — costing a "special" price of between IL400-600.

Balenciaga sunglasses are also being sold here this summer at selected shops and opticians. Marked with the exclusive "B," they sell from IL350.

## Making science fun for disadvantaged youth

REHOVOT. — Making rainbows and seeding clouds are some of the extra-curricular activities now on the agenda for youngsters in Israel's disadvantaged neighbourhoods, thanks to an innovative science kit programme recently launched by the Weizmann Institute's youth activities section, with support from the President of Israel's fund.

Designed for after-school science clubs now being formed in many of Israel's poorer neighbourhoods, the kit, prepared by experts in a wide variety of subjects, contains background material for science club instructors and equipment for

from five to 12 experiments. After it has been used, the kit is returned to the Weizmann Institute to be restocked and sent out to another science club elsewhere in the country. Club leaders come both from the ranks of Weizmann graduate students and from those of teachers who themselves work in disadvantaged areas and attend a special training course at the Institute.

"For kids confronted daily with poverty, poorly equipped schools and often inadequately trained teachers, textbook science may seem irrelevant," explains Dr. Netta Maoz, the programme coordinator.

"But if we make science fun and show them how it explains, for instance, what makes the colour in sunsets, sunrises and rainbows, how cloud-seeding works, or why yeast is used to make bread and wine — we may succeed in arousing their interest in learning and their concern for their environment."

A IL2,500 PRIZE for the nearest railroad depot was awarded on Sunday to stationmaster Aharon Meir of the Hadera-West station. The award was made by the director-general of Israel Railways, Zvi Iaffri.

## Combating the anti-immigration forces

By HADASSAH RAT-HAIM  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

DOES ISRAEL want young, idealistic immigrants with skills and talents useful to a developing country? It would seem the answer is "no," or so a number of newcomers are finding out. The case of the Rosens is typical.

A year ago, attracted by the description and location of Safad, they came to settle there with their children. They had been impressed by what they had heard in England about the needs of the smaller communities, and hoped to be able to contribute to the growth of the town. They were shown housing in an almost completed block of flats and told they would be able to move in in three to six months. No temporary accommodation was available from any Government or municipal quarter so they had to dig into their savings to find something on the open market. After a lot of searching they were offered a three-room apartment for IL700 a month, but when they came to sign the agreement later the same day, the rent had gone up to IL1000, take it or leave it! With two small children in one hotel room, they took it.

The townspeople shake them feel somewhat less than welcome. Sandra Rosen complains that local people talk to them only to take their money. Many shops quote higher prices to them and refuse to sell them commodities in short supply.

There is one office devoted to absorption, manned by a very helpful and concerned person, but he himself is so discouraged that he is returning to Australia, at which time the office will close.

As it turns out, the housing that was promised is not livable. Because of faulty planning, drains cannot be installed, and the whole block — and others in the area — may have to be abandoned.

The Rosens want to leave Safad. They are not (yet) so disillusioned that they want to go back to England. Instead, they have thought of going to Nabariya, another small town, crying out for newcomers. After a certain amount of the running around they have come to accept as normal they found the regional office of the Ministry of Absorption. However, the director was on holiday.

The clerk left in charge thought that there had been some talk of housing for new immigrants in Nabariya. Did she know where it was located? Sorry, no idea. Or what the costs were — just ap-

proximately? Sorry no idea. Or the dimensions of the flat? — Same answer.

However, she assured them that the main office in Haifa would have all the answers, for even though the Rosens wanted to settle in Nabariya they should first apply to Haifa. She supplied them with the telephone number and a name and having successfully passed the buck, complacently went back to work.

The office in Haifa answered promptly, but put the Rosens on "hold" for an inordinate amount of time. After this had happened some five times, it was finally established that the man in question was on holiday.

Did he have a second in command? The switchboard didn't know. Was there anyone in the building who could give information to immigrants? The switchboard didn't know.

The Rosens went back to their expensive digs, shaken but not yet deterred. They are very determined people and it will take fierce opposition to force them to give up. Still, the figures on "returnees" show that the anti-immigration forces have achieved considerable success.

The Rosens and others like them may be "tough nuts to crack," but in the end, who knows? The "opposition" have pretty big guns.

## Cunningham programme is certain to shock

By DORA SOWDEN

THE Merce Cunningham Dance Company is to appear at this year's Israel Festival in the summer. It will present a programme called "Events," likely to be the most eye-opening and eyebrow-raising that Israel has yet seen.

Cunningham himself is no stranger to Israel. He came here a few years ago as guest teacher for the Rubin Academy Dance Department Summer School in Jerusalem.

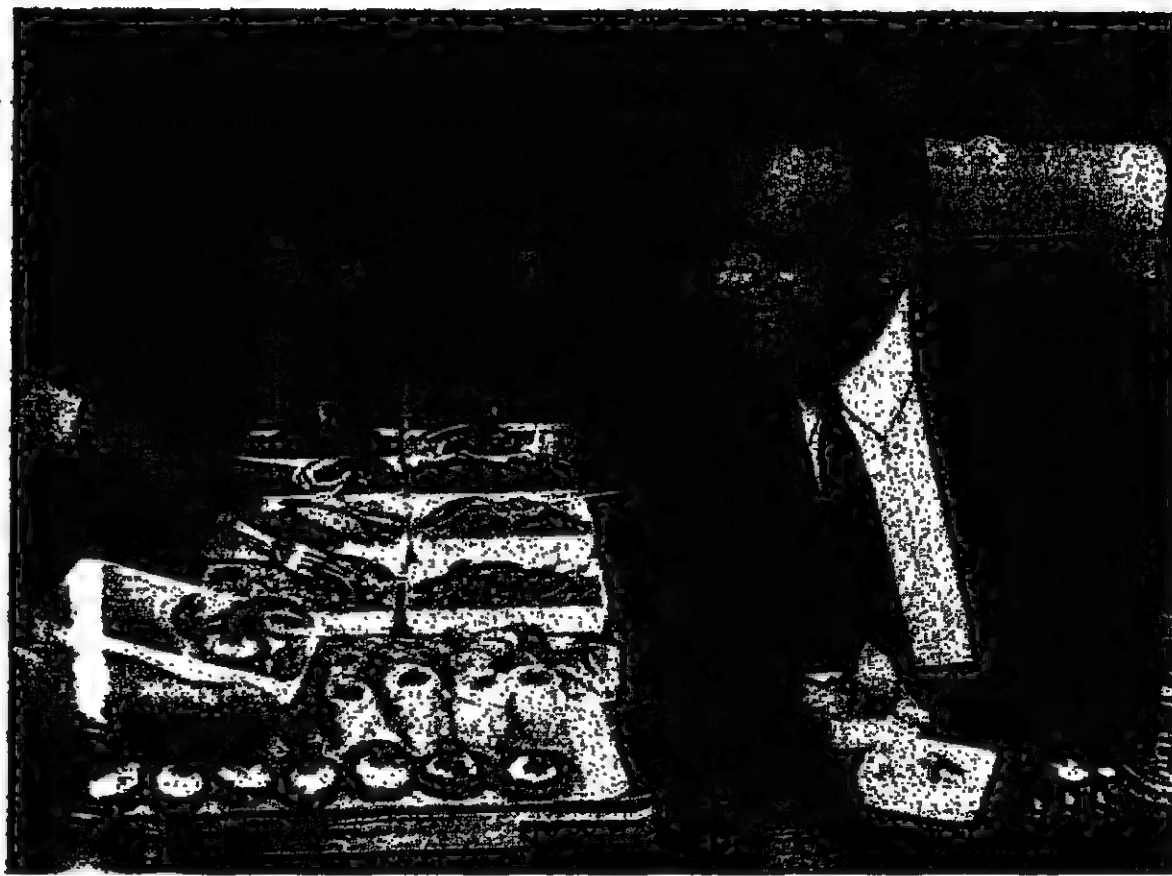
His demonstrations, methods and views on dance were all immensely stimulating. But the full impact of his approach to dance can only be felt when watching his company dance. Even in Israel where modern dance is better known than classical ballet, this New York group's performance was a shock. I would describe them as anti-dance.

"Not so much an evening of dances as the experience of dance," is one description. Someone has said that Cunningham is "always interested in the possibilities of awkwardness" but that is only one aspect of his choreography. Often movement and

sound (one cannot always call it music) seem to have no evident connection, but that too is only part of the "experience."

Knowing that Merce Cunningham has worked closely with artist Robert Rauschenberg and composer John Cage one can expect to be jolted. But whether one regards Cunningham ballets as genius or gibberish, it is impossible to remain indifferent to his assaults on one's vision. His dancers are excellent, he himself superb. It therefore remains to be seen whether and how Cage-Cunningham ballets, if included, will go down with Israeli audiences.

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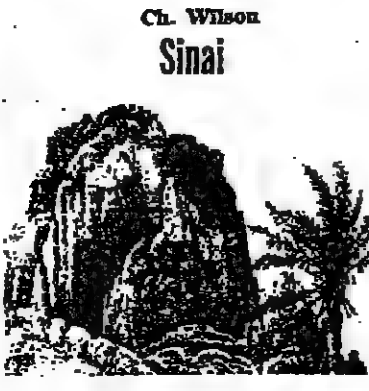
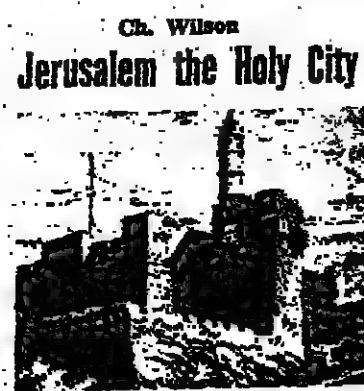
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## BUSINESS &amp; FINANCE

## British Airways to resume flights east

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — BRITISH AIRWAYS has just invested £90,000 in the complete re-modelling of its Tel Aviv office in Rehov Ben-Yehuda, and it will also be the first of the company's non-European offices to be hooked up to the company's new computerized booking service, Manager J.P. Kennedy told The Jerusalem Post this week.

He said that Charles Stuart, member of the British Airways executive board, would be here this week for talks with Transport Ministry officials. Although nobody is saying so officially, it is understood that the company is keeping a weather eye open on the subject of east-bound flights. British Airways operated a regular route to the Far East via Israel until two years ago.

British Airways' traffic between the U.K. and Israel rose by 30 per cent. Occupation rates of the aircraft are a safe 65 per cent, suggesting that the company is making a comfortable profit on its Tel Aviv run.

The outlook is even better this year. Peak traffic is expected during this month. The 49 listed flights consist of 23 with Tristars (320 seats), eight with 747s (300 seats), and eight with 707s (160 seats).

BA is confident of the ultimate success of its Concord operations, Kennedy said. He recalled the adverse publicity given to the first



J.P. Kennedy, British Airways manager for Israel.

flights of the deHavilland Comets, first of the jet generation. These were excellent aircraft, but the tragic crashes of two of these aircraft "were overpublicized by the press."

As to the Concord's noise on take-off, Kennedy asserted that the decibel rating of its engines is no worse than that of the first generation of Boeing 707s. In spite of this, no objections were made at London airport, he said.

"research model" apartment building at the Goddard Space Flight Centre of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Green Belt, Maryland.

THE ALCHIM Company of Tel Aviv is beginning to all export orders to the U.S., Great Britain, and Iran, for its purportedly revolutionary personal fire extinguisher, which is regarded as an important addition to the equipment of the modern soldier.

## Coca Cola, Israel and the ADL

## Sunfrost's onion rings a hit abroad

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Abraham Feinberg, owner of the Coca Cola franchise in Israel, rebuts the claim that it was the campaign of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League that spurred Coca Cola to open a bottling plant in this country. On the contrary, he told WOLF BLITZER, the decision was taken to demonstrate to the Arabs that they could not dictate to the company.

Feinberg, a prominent American-Jewish banker, said it was a "complete distortion of the facts" to maintain that Coca-Cola decided to do business in Israel only after the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League (ADL) waged a public information campaign against the giant soft-drink company, charging it with yielding to Arab pressures.

He was reacting to a Jerusalem Post report on March 29 that Coca-Cola had agreed to establish business operations in Israel only after the ADL had publicly accused the company of complying with the Arab boycott. The story was based on an interview in Tel Aviv with Arnold Forster, general counsel and associate national director of the ADL, and Lawrence Peletz, national chairman of the ADL's civil rights committee, who were in Israel on a fact-finding mission.

"I am a supporter of the ADL and have been for many years," Feinberg said. "I am friendly with many of them. But their participation in the Coca-Cola thing is completely twisted around."

Forster, in a brief statement to The Jerusalem Post, said: "I have no argument with Abe Feinberg and no desire to dig up this old Coca-Cola story. The record of what happened is still there for all to see in American and Israeli newspapers of April 1966."

BUT IN AN INTERVIEW with The Post, Feinberg disputed the ADL version. "The real story goes back to 1949," he stated. He said that he was ready to reveal his side of the story for the first time in order to "make some kind of a protest."

"From the beginning, the Coca-Cola franchise was offered to me," he said. "In 1949, I spent six weeks in Israel with a Coca-Cola representative surveying the country. Everything looked good from the point of view of a potential market."

"Then it became necessary to get permission to import the syrup concentrate, which would mean foreign exchange. I spoke with Ben-Gurion, and he was 100 per cent for it. He wanted big-name American companies to come in, and he gave his permission."

"But when the time came to sign the contract — to go forward with the obligation — I made the decision that it was not for me to use valuable foreign exchange at a time when people in Israel were living in tents. They needed bread, not Coca-Cola syrup. So I called Ben-Gurion and called off the deal."

Feinberg said that between 1949 and 1966 many people approached Coca-Cola seeking the Israeli franchise. "Coca-Cola turned them all down. They had one guy who was approved and that was me."

Asked whether Coca-Cola had turned down all the other offers during that period in response to Arab boycott pressures, Feinberg replied: "Their obligation was to me. They are a loyal company, and if they were going to go into Israel, they would come to me, which is what they eventually did when

they decided that Israel was better equipped financially to absorb a Coca-Cola franchise."

ONE OF THOSE who had unsuccessfully applied for the franchise was the Tempo soft drink company of Tel Aviv. After several rejections, Tempo informed the ADL that it believed that real reason why it had been turned down was because Coca-Cola did not want to risk the consequences of being placed on the boycott blacklist.

The ADL opened up a large-scale investigation of the allegation, and following a 15-month study concluded that the Tempo request had indeed been rejected because Coca-Cola wanted to honor the Arab boycott. The ADL made the charge publicly, and there was an uproar in the press and the American Jewish community. Coca-Cola officials maintained, however, that there were absolutely no political reasons, only economic ones, for their refusal to grant Tempo the franchise.

But the Coca-Cola denial was accepted by many American-Jewish businessmen, which threatened a counter-boycott against Coca-Cola unless a plant was opened in Israel.

At that point, the then-chairman of Coca-Cola Export Corporation, James A. Farley, said that

Tempo had not been granted the franchise because, among other reasons, it had been successfully sued by Coca-Cola in 1963 to force it to stop infringing on Coca-Cola's trademark and distinctive bottle shape. "This unhappy experience with the subject company," Farley said, "obviously precludes our entering into a business arrangement with it."

Forster, who worked on the Coca-Cola study, conceded in an interview published in "The New York Times" on April 13, 1966, that he had been unaware of Tempo's involvement in litigation with Coca-Cola.

Feinberg said last week that these legal difficulties between Coca-Cola and Tempo were the major reason why Tempo was not awarded the franchise.

BUT THE FACT of the matter was that Coca-Cola was stimulated by the controversy into going back to Feinberg once again with a proposal that he open a plant in Israel. In April 1966, as the issue was coming to a head, Paul Austin, chief executive officer of Coca-Cola, came to New York to see Feinberg. "Abe, you want the Coca-Cola franchise in Israel?" Feinberg recalled Austin as asking. "We're not going to listen to Tempo and we're not going to listen to the Arabs."

Feinberg said he told Austin that Coca-Cola would be thrown out of the Arab world, where it had extensive operations, including six plants in Egypt alone. "We don't care. Nobody is going to tell us where to do business," Austin replied, according to Feinberg.

"Austin is an independent guy who would no sooner let the Arabs tell him what to do than let the Jews tell him what to do," Feinberg said.

He accepted the Coca-Cola proposal, and built the plant outside Tel Aviv. Coca-Cola was immediately placed on the Arab boycott blacklist and thrown out of the Arab world. "It was a matter of corporate statehood, in my opinion, and the man who did it was Mr. Paul Austin," Feinberg commented.

He also denied that there had been a study conducted by Coca-Cola that indicated that operations in Israel would be more profitable than in the entire Arab world, as reported in The Jerusalem Post story last week. "Anyone with common sense can tell you that 100 million Arabs can drink more than two million Israelis" (the population of Israel in 1966), Feinberg said.

10,000 IMMIGRANTS have settled in Ashdod in the last five years, constituting about seven per cent of the total immigration during that period, according to Absorption Minister Sholomo Rosen. Among the Ashdod immigrants, 36 per cent came from Georgia, 20 per cent from France, eight per cent from India, Iran, Turkey and Ethiopia, seven per cent from Latin America, and three per cent from English-speaking countries.

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## Lack of capital will cause big drop in industrial investment this year

By MOSHE ATER

Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS will drop one third, in real terms, in the current year owing to shortage of capital, according to estimates put forward by Amos Mar-Haim, deputy director-general of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

In 1975, investments in industry and mining approximated IL3.5b., which was about the same, at fixed prices, as in the past few years.

About one third of these investments, as by and large, financed by own means, another third by development loans, and the rest by other capital sources, including capital grants, infrastructure projects (also largely financed by public funds), bank loans, and suppliers' credits.

In 1976, costs of investments in manufacturing projects which include a substantial portion of imported equipment are expected to rise by an average of at least 33 per cent. The available financial resources, however, will not increase accordingly.

Mar-Haim estimates that internal cash-flow, including profits ploughed back, will provide, at most, little more than IL1b. this year, about the same as in 1975, owing to declining profit margins, increased demand for working capital, and greatly increased financing expenses. Financing expenses now average close to 9 per cent of industrial production costs, about double the

figure of a year ago. The drop in profits and in internal cash-flow affects not only private companies, but also state-owned industries, which account for a considerable share of the investments planned.

Long-term development loans may amount to another billion pounds or so, also little more than last year, owing to the budgetary strait-jacket. In fact, difficulties have been experienced lately even in disbursing the loans already approved.

There is also increased difficulty finding suitable collateral for both these bank credits. Altogether, the viable capital sources are unlikely to exceed IL3.25b. or so, which would spell a decline by 80 per cent if the price advance is taken into account. This development is particularly unfortunate at a time when massive expansion of our export industries is called for.

SPEAKING at a seminar of the Israel Management Centre in Jerusalem last week, Mar-Haim said that in view of the growing shortage of internal finance, investors should try to make as much use as possible of the available overseas suppliers' credits. The authorities' attitude to these credits has been reversed, he said. They are no longer banned, but encouraged because in the present circumstances they cost less than most of the other foreign currency loans we are resorting to.

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## Tongue fraud: sellers fined

TEL AVIV. — The Magistrate's Court here on Sunday levied fines totalling IL3,000 on merchants who fraudulently marketed frozen tongue as fresh.

The Tel Aviv-Dan-Hasharon Cooperative was fined IL3,000; the assistant manager of the Shefa Chem Supermarket, Aharon Presser, was fined IL2,000; and butcher Haim Cohen was fined IL1,000. All had pleaded guilty to the charge.

The swindle was initially uncovered on the TV programme "Kolbotek" by journalist Yigal Laviv, following which the State filed indictments.

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## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE Monday, April 12, 1976

MIXED BUT STEADY  
The Dow Jones was running 3.70 up at 971.98. Volume traded was 13,150,000.

Stocks continued to follow a mixed pattern, with prices generally in line with earlier levels.

IBM, which came in with lower-than-expected first quarter profits, fell 3 1/4 to 264.

Also in retreat were Standard

This selected list of stocks is based on the quotations at 3 p.m. New York time one hour before the market closes.



## Close watch on the north

SYRIA IS searching desperately for a solution in Lebanon. This is not going to be very easy in the confusion which was supposed to end but was actually helped by Syria's intervention.

The problem before Damascus is that the groups on which it originally banked to do its bidding in Lebanon — the Palestinians and the leftist forces — have recaped its grip, and are trying to run their own show. It was largely to checkmate these groups that the Syrian army first joined its own a-Sa'aka units in disguise, and when this proved insufficient proceeded to occupy Lebanese border points and even to blockade Lebanon's coast. The exact size of the Syrian interventionist contingent has doubtless been exaggerated by Junblat's propagandists, but it is certain that it is no longer a mere token force.

This is most probably a larger force than the Syrians expected would be required when they despatched their FLA proxies across the Lebanese frontier earlier this year. At that time the idea must have been that a takeover of Lebanon as a virtual Syrian protectorate could be effected indirectly, as the by-product of the country's pacification, without the Syrians themselves trying very hard.

Now the Syrians are up to their necks in Lebanon's troubles, yet they are not free to solve them as they please. For now they are checkmated in a game to which their own rules are inapplicable. Their new-found Christian allies, who have welcomed the threat of their massive intervention as a deterrent to the radical leftists, are patently none too eager to have the threat materialize. On the other hand, their pro-Christian tactics expose the Syrians to possible retaliation from Egypt and Iraq — and even from some Ba'athist circles in Damascus — on the ground that they involve a desertion of the cause of the Palestinian revolution.

But the main reason for the carefully restrained and firmly controlled manner of their behaviour within Lebanon is obviously Israel. Signals have evidently been exchanged between Jerusalem and Damascus, through the agency of the U.S. Ambassadors in both countries, and while it is rather outlandish to speak of Syria "clearing" its moves with Israel, it is not unrealistic to assume that the Syrians have been given clear indication as to the nature and extent of intervention which was certain to bring on Israeli counter-action.

In the short run, it may be suggested that the avowed Syrian aim of preserving the unity of a peaceful and constitutional Lebanon does not clash with the Israeli interest. Neither, plainly, does Syria's current preoccupation with the Lebanese problem, nor the boost given U.S. prestige, and the corresponding decline in Soviet influence, as a result of the American effort at conciliation in Lebanon. The task facing Israel is simply to ensure that Syria does not contrive to make southern Lebanon into a staging area for remote-control military adventures against Israel.

In the long run, however, there remains a serious question — whether an orderly Lebanon under proconsular Syrian control is necessarily preferable to a turbulent Lebanon free of outside meddling.

In the meantime Israel ought to maintain a close watch on development across the northern border — and keep its powder dry.

### ISRAEL PRESS

#### 'Local trend towards violence'

HA'ARETZ (Independent) cites the recent alleged abuses of Arab bill collectors of the East Jerusalem Electricity Co. by Jewish residents as symptomatic of a trend towards provocation and violence which must be curbed without delay. "The Government cannot be absolved from all responsibility for this phenomenon. The authorities have acquiesced in the increasing manifestations of 'Gush Emunim' and its extremist followers whose aim it is to foster hatred between Jews and Arabs. The violent and illegal excesses of 'Gush Emunim' followers in Hebron remained without suitable authoritative reaction and, in fact, a situation has been allowed to develop in which the followers of 'Gush Emunim' enjoy a legal and administrative immunity. "As a result it appears, in clashes between Jews and Arabs, that the law is being administered with a strong hand against one side only, and incidents such as those involving the electricity bill collectors must be seen in this context. Only stringent measures against ruffians and law-breakers of any side, origin and race — including Rabbi Levine and his band — can prevent a further

deterioration in this deplorable situation."

DAVAT (Histadrut), commenting on Syrians in Lebanon, writes: "The consolidation of the Syrian presence in Lebanon demands an increased alertness on the part of Israel but not, at this stage, any dramatic action — although the situation may change abruptly."

"Israel is interested in the existence of a Lebanon with some kind of internal balance, in the maintenance of a sound Christian community and its influence on the balance of power and on the election of a liberal president — objectives which are not assured under present conditions. Syria, although not motivated by liberalism, appears to be striving for these goals, and the 'deterrent force' of Syrian regulars which has crossed, but not deeply penetrated, into Lebanon serves the same purposes. So long as these are the Syrian aims it is not in Israel's interest to block them. Damascus surely knows just where the red line passes, and should Syria be tempted by circumstances to cross that line Israel would have no alternative but to act."

### VIEWPOINT

ISRAEL'S South African connection has been one of the most sensitive issues in Israeli foreign policy. Two major schools of thought have evolved.

The first, the ethical one, opposes relations with South Africa on moral grounds. Its proponents claim that links with a white supremacist regime are abhorrent to the fundamental humanitarian principle on which Israel was founded. The second approach justifies Israel's ties with South Africa in national-interest terms.

Supporters of the current policy of rapprochement state that practical military, political, and economic concerns outweigh other considerations at this point. They bolster their argument by pointing to the unprofitable returns resulting from the Israeli effort in Black Africa, and suggest that stronger ties with South Africa are a natural by-product of Black Africa's wholesale rupture of relations with Israel.

Although the debate still continues, the national-interest school has prevailed on the policy-making level. The current pragmatic considerations favouring ties with South Africa have not, however, been challenged sufficiently in other than ethical terms.

A closer look at the substance and the repercussions of Israel's relations with South Africa raises serious doubts about the extent to which these ties further Israel's national interests. In fact, the long term consequences of the present policy may yet prove positively detrimental to Israeli foreign and domestic concerns.

A NUMBER OF short-term Israeli interests are said to lie at the core of the South African connection. The first is economic. South Africa is a major producer of certain raw materials, notably diamonds, that are in demand in Israel. It has also been said that South Africa offers a ready-made market for Israeli manufactured goods. The trade record, however, is nothing short of dismal. Trade with South Africa accounts for but 3 per cent of Israel's overall trade. Israel has consistently had a negative trade balance with South Africa, importing about three times as much as it exports. Moreover, the volume of trade with Black Africa, even after the break in diplomatic relations, has been

greater, in absolute terms, than that with South Africa.

A second Israeli interest raised in connection with South Africa concerns the Jewish community there. Israel has always viewed the condition of the 120,000 Jews of South Africa as a matter of interest to it. This concern is not merely fraternal. The South African Jewish community is the wealthiest, per capita, in the world. Its Zionist Federation is well organized and active. Its contributions to Israel have always been generous. The supply of funds from South Africa's Jews, (except for a short period in 1971 when the flow of contributions to Israel was temporarily halted by the South African Government in reaction to an Israeli donation to African liberation movements), has been steady despite shifts in the state of formal relations between the two countries.

While the significance of the South African Jewish community should not be belittled, there is room to question whether Israel must, or indeed can, act as guardian of South African Jewry. There are many instances of Israeli non-support for regimes of countries in which Jews reside; South Africa need not be an exception.

A third component in Israel-South African relations is the military one. Although details on this factor are necessarily sketchy, there are indications that it is more weighty than the minimal benefits accruing to Israel from her other linkages with South Africa.

In the past few years cultural and political ties with South Africa have been added to the network of Israeli

## Israel's 'shortsighted' policy on South Africa

Prime Minister John Vorster's visit to Israel has again focused attention on the pros and cons of Israel's relations with South Africa. NAOMI CHAZAN contends that the pragmatic approach to this question has inherent weaknesses.

relations with that country. Whatever the immediate benefits Israel has derived from these links, the implications for Israel of her pragmatic policy have been nothing short of negative. The strengthening of relations with South Africa has become a very real obstacle in Israel's attempt to revive diplomatic relations with Black Africa. The South African connection has further alienated Israel from the Third World and made the possibility of rapprochement with these countries remote.

MOREOVER, the South African alliance has linked Israel, even if wrongly, with the most conservative and reactionary forces in the international arena. Such an image, pragmatists may suggest, need not in itself be a cause for concern. But this argument can hold only if backed by tangible political returns. These do not exist in this case. South Africa has been effectively ostracized from the United Nations and other international forums, and it has no political clout in global gatherings. The resolution of the General Assembly condemning Zionism as a form of racism and racial discrimination akin to apartheid, is the most serious result to date of the general tendency to juxtapose Israel with South Africa.

Thus, the positive effects of Israel's South African policy internationally have been far from visible. Negative repercussions have been especially noticeable in light of the overly demonstrative manner in which Israel has conducted her South African affairs. There is thus

very real danger that the few Afro-Asian states that have not voted against Israel in the UN will be driven to do so because of the South African link, just as many African states recognized the MPLA in Angola as a reaction to South Africa's intervention on behalf of UNITA.

If the value to Israel of her South African policy is difficult to assess in the short-term, there is little doubt that these relations are counter-productive in the long-run. While this analysis has urged a re-evaluation of Israel-South African ties from an Israeli vantage point, one cannot help wondering what motivates the South African desire to foster closer relations with Israel. Clearly, the paramount South African consideration is one of pragmatism: its beleaguered regime considers any formalization or improvement of diplomatic relations a triumph.

To the South African Government, Israel must nevertheless appear to be a strange bedfellow. Some of South Africa's leaders were staunch supporters of Hitler's Germany, and until recently exhibited little tolerance towards Jews in their own country. Even the pragmatic concerns guiding South Africa's

relations with Israel, in South African terms, are debatable. Despite her wealth in minerals South Africa does not have any petroleum resources. Recent negotiations with Arab states have highlighted the fact that South Africa may consider her relations with conservative Arab countries to be of far greater importance than current links with Israel. These considerations may in the long-run make Israel expendable in South African eyes.

ISRAEL'S South African policy, however, also depends on calls for some assessment of the situation in southern Africa in general. Following the independence of Mozambique and Angola, the future of the white regimes in Rhodesia, Namibia, and South Africa is open to question. The diplomatic setbacks suffered by South Africa as a result of her unsuccessful intervention in Angola have forced her into reconsidering her policies of "dialogue" and "détente" with Black Africa. In the past few months, South Africa has increasingly fallen back into a position of retrenchment. Most observers agree that Rhodesia and Namibia (significantly, with South African approval) will come under black majority rule within the next few years. This process, eventually, will also spill over to South Africa.

Whether the Africanization of southern Africa will be effected by negotiation or by violence is not yet clear; what is evident is that the prevailing white oligarchy in southern Africa is rapidly becoming an anachronism. Under these circumstances any Israeli links with the white regime in South Africa can be of only passing value. In the long run, such relations can be a serious impediment to the creation of meaningful ties with the Black regimes that will come to power in this area in the future.

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### READERS' LETTERS

#### AFTER THE PARK HOTEL FIRE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It was our lot to have been in the Park Hotel on the night of the fire. I will never forget the solicitude of the men who carried me through the corridor to the fire stairs in back of the hotel, nor the fireman who assisted me down the last fire escape ladder. We will never forget the concern of the employees of the Park and Golda Hotels, and our friends who brought clothes, offers of money, and other amenities, not to mention tens of visits and phone calls in which sadness was expressed that such a traumatic event could take place in Israel.

Now, for the "howevers." We were shocked to learn that we slept until 5:45 a.m., while others had left our floor one hour earlier. If the fire trucks had come to the hotel with sirens blaring, instead of silently, those of us on the south side of the hotel might have been spared the anxiety of waiting for the escape ladders. If it was not possible to go from door to door to awaken people during that hour, why was a bull horn not used to arouse us from the outside?

When we were finally told by bull horn that things were under control, and to remain calm, it was welcome news, but why was that information given in Hebrew only? It should have been given in other languages for the benefit of those tourists who do not understand Hebrew.

We believe the simple measures

mentioned here should be made standard fire fighting procedure. As to the cause of the fire, if it is true that it was caused because the owners of the Park Hotel refused to pay protection money to the Mafia, we hope the Park Hotel fire will not frighten hotel owners into paying for protection in the future. Israel does not bow to terrorist demands outside of Israel, nor should it bow to gangster elements within Israel.

SHULAMITH AND SIDNEY TROY  
Lakewood, N.J.

#### ADVICE FROM TURKEY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, Obedience to the U.S.A. means surrendering to palavers and lies, and turning victory into collapse. America's costly arms supply winds up in bankruptcy and is equalled by deliveries to the other side, thus nullifying one's assets.

Whatever the results of the American election, nothing will change. Standing firm is the best policy.

Antagonists should unite against East and West for a change and see what would happen.

Arabs and Jews, unite against your common enemies!

DR. ABDULRAHMAN ARABACI  
Istanbul.

## FORD WITHOUT KISSINGER

President Ford has given the word that Henry Kissinger's days as Secretary of State are numbered. But Ford's dizzying shifts from one policy to another make JOSEPH KRAFT wonder how he can possibly manage without Kissinger.

WASHINGTON. — PRESIDENT FORD'S handling of the storm beating around Henry Kissinger raises, yet again, deep questions about his capacity to run the country. For Mr. Ford and his closest associates have let the Secretary twist slowly in the breeze at a time when he alone can perform vital services.

They have made it a virtual certainty that Dr. Kissinger will leave the Government at the end of this year. But everything about the performance suggests that something worse can be expected when Ford strikes out on his own.

A good starting point for analysis is Lyndon Johnson's remark about Ford's being the only man in politics who can not walk and chew gum at the same time. However nasty that remark, it does focus attention on one of the President's leading characteristics. He is an enthusiastic booster, with a tendency to go all out and little feeling for balancing conflicting objectives.

In that spirit, Ford began his election campaign last October 6 with a big splash designed to seize the economic issue. He one-upped the Democrats with a proposal for \$28 billion in tax cuts, to be balanced by parallel spending cuts, yielding a very tight budget.

Ford was so hooked on the economy idea at that time that he forgot that for many years he had also been a leading supporter of national defence. He intimidated the then-Secretary of Defence James Schlesinger that half of the \$28 billion cut would have to come out of military spending. Schlesinger balked and the President fired him.

SCHLESINGER'S OUSTER made the President vulnerable to assault from the right on both his defence and foreign policies. Ronald Reagan was not slow to seize the opportunity. As the primaries got under way, he launched a steady drumfire of attacks on a defence policy that made the U.S. "second" and on a foreign policy that contemplated a give-away of the Panama Canal and tolerance of Soviet supremacy in Eastern Europe and Africa.

As the going got tough, Reagan's tones grew shrill. He focused his charges on Dr. Kissinger and — in voluminous detail that to many, perhaps, over-sensitive, nostrils brings the pungent whiff of anti-Semitism — on one of Kissinger's associates, Helmut Sonnenfeldt.

The President, though not in serious political trouble, has reacted

to these charges in ways that suggest he has lost sight of his Administration's basic objectives. He has abandoned most of the defence cuts which so irked Schlesinger. He now brags that he has put forward the two biggest defence budgets in peacetime history.

At the same time he goes hardline on foreign policy. He calls Castro a bandit, and drops the word "détente" from his political vocabulary.

Kissinger and his aides have struggled to retain what they can of this country's negotiating posture. The Secretary of State has delivered a series of speeches — notably in San Francisco, Boston and Dallas — which make the case for continued détente with the Soviet Union.

PARTLY FOR HIS OWN REASONS, but also in part to be helpful to Ford, the Secretary has mixed in some tough talk. In Boston he virtually attacked Reagan by name, calling on him to come up with alternatives to the Ford policies. In Dallas, he issued a threat to Russia and Cuba against any further moves in Africa. Inevitably, Kissinger's intervention stirred new controversy. But Ford did not get out in front of the Secretary. He supported his own foreign policy against its critics in a Chicago speech only the day after Kissinger's Boston speech. He allowed two of his closest advisers — Rogers Morton and Melvin Laird — to say that Kissinger was on his way

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## Weather forecast fine for holiday

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Pessach, also called the "Spring Festival" will live up to its name if the Meteorological Service's predictions hold true.

Tomorrow, the first day of the week-long festival, will be partly cloudy to fair with moderate temperatures, the service reported yesterday. The weather should stabilize, with cool nights but pleasantly warm days, and in this springlike atmosphere many Israelis are expected to spend their holiday touring the country.

The inviting weather should swell the numbers of worshippers and visitors at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, where extra security measures have been readied.

During the intermediate days of the festival many shops, banks and other offices will close early, and some businesses will close completely as people take advantage of the long weekend. (See page 3).

## Syrian grip strengthened in Lebanon

### Egyptians warn Damascus

By ANAN SAFADI  
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Syrian troops manoeuvred into key positions around leftist strongholds in northern and eastern Lebanon in a bold bid to halt the Lebanese civil war which entered its second year yesterday. But inter-Arab differences over Syrian moves in Lebanon overshadowed the current shaky cease-fire. The leftists threatened to undermine the truce unless their demands for radical reforms in the government system are met by the end of this month.

Tank-supported Syrian forces were reported to have captured yesterday more strategic crossroads vital to the alliance of the leftists and the Palestine Liberation Organization which Syrian President Hafez Assad has labelled as "pedlars of a false revolution" in Lebanon.

Cairo's Middle East News Agency, MENA, yesterday said that Egypt has warned that it will not stand idly by in what was described as any action leading to the liquidation of "the Palestine resistance" movement and the "progressive" forces in Lebanon. The warning, clearly directed at Syria, was made following reports that the PLO chief Yasser Arafat and leftist chieftain Kamal Jubbah had dispatched urgent messages to Cairo expressing concern over Syria's incursion into Lebanon.

In Tripoli too, Libyan Premier Abdul-Salam Jalloud has warned against "any foreign intervention in Lebanon," and pledged Libya's unlimited support for the "nationalist forces" there.

The inter-Arab strife over Beirut signalled yet another chapter in a series of unforeseen twists and turns in the Lebanese conflict which became transformed from a Lebanese-PLO confrontation into an inter-Arab Christian-Muslim war, and later into leftist-conservative power struggle reflecting inter-Arab rivalries.

The Syrians were late last night said to have thrown more of their forces on the Lebanese border following pledges by President Assad to prevent further bloodshed. Assad had earlier said in Damascus that his forces were "prepared to move to Lebanon to stand in the way of any aggressor or any tyrant."

In contrast to leftist opposition, the Syrian moves were yesterday hailed by Christian and Muslim spiritual leaders as well as political figures.

Lebanese Christian President Su-leiman Franjeh, who has reportedly agreed to step down to open the way for the election of a successor by Parliament and for Syrian-inspired political reforms, yesterday cabled President Assad expressing his "gratitude for Syria's action to safeguard Lebanon." Another Christian leader, Pierre Jemayel, who is the chief of the Phalangist militia, greeted the Syrian measures as "heroic, decisive action" to salvage the current shaky cease-fire. The leftists threatened to undermine the truce unless their demands for radical reforms in the government system are met by the end of this month.

In Washington, the State Department indicated that the U.S. has turned down Junblatt's demand to "freeze" the mediation mission of special envoy Dean Brown, who is believed to be coordinating his strategies with Syria. The State Department said that the presence of special ambassador Brown in Beirut was not a formal mediation mission but is rather aimed at providing the U.S. with an "assessment of developing situations in Lebanon" and to make himself available to the Lebanese parties to help them in achieving a solution to the strife.

The Pentagon disclosed that the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier Saratoga has been moved into the eastern Mediterranean. The spokesman said the Saratoga and two escorting destroyers sailed from Yugoslavia to the eastern Mediterranean more than a week ago.

### Peres: IDF can fight on all fronts

Defence Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday that the IDF has the capability of withstanding the combined onslaught of enemy armies "along the Golan Heights and across the breadth of the Lebanese border."

Speaking to paratrooper formations at the close of their winter exercises, the Minister said that Israel's defence industries today produced more weapons than the country's total defence imports 10 years ago — "and of a quality that compares with the world's best."

Present at the concluding exercise were the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Gur, O/C Central Command Aluf Yona Efrat, and the Chief Paratroop and Infantry Officer, Tat-Aluf Dan Shomron.

### Congress for C-130 sale

WASHINGTON. — U.S. Congressional proposals to block sale of six C-130 cargo planes to Egypt were tabled and killed in a committee of the House of Representatives yesterday on assurances by the government that the sale sets no precedent.

Senate efforts to block the sale ended Monday when Sen. Clifford Case, Republican-New Jersey, dropped his proposed veto resolution and said he was satisfied with assurances that training for Egyptian military officers, coupled with the plane sale, will not be open ended.

The House International Relations Committee Chairman, Thomas E. Morgan, Democrat-Pennsylvania, said he will write to President Ford that the House action was taken specifically because of the U.S. Government's assurances that the sale sets no precedent for U.S. military sales to Egypt.

But Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and a top aide assured Congress that no U.S. commitments have been made to sell any further arms to Egypt and that the \$65m. cargo plane sale will not be regarded as a precedent for doing so. (AP)

## West Bank radicals sweep local elections

### Bethlehem sole exception

By ANAN SAFADI

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent  
West Bank radical nationalists were jubilant yesterday as their representatives swept all the main towns in the region's municipal elections. The Defence Ministry and Military Government on the other hand sought to minimize the challenge represented by the nationalist victory to Israel.

The sole exception to the triumph of the radicals was Bethlehem's moderate Mayor Elias Freij, who emerged on top despite a vigorous campaign staged by an opposing list. The nationalists won the West Bank's largest towns of Nablus and Hebron, Bethlehem's twin towns of Beit Jala and Beit Sahur, Jericho, el-Bireh, Bir Zeit and Tulikarm.

In Ramallah, incumbent mayor Karim Khalaf, who is often associated with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, won an overwhelming

supported for reinstatement, as half the town council's seats were taken by newcomers.

The West Bankers have voted 148 new delegates for a total of 188 seats contested in 22 local cities and townships. In two smaller townships, incumbent councils were reinstated by consensus, while in a third, no vote was held as elections took place there only two years ago for the regular four-year term of office.

In Nablus, Hebron, el-Bireh and Beit Sahur, entire new councils were elected in an absolute take-over by young nationalists from the traditionalists, who either declined to participate in the elections or lost out in the polls.

In Nablus, the radical press-spy "Young Turk", Basman Shak's gained about one-third of the city's 19,447 votes, leaving the rest of the ballots for his associates who included two Communists, a pro-PLO lawyer and other extremists. In Hebron, the young agronomist, Fahd Kawasma, led a nationalist bloc into winning the city's entire 10 council seats.

The Nablus pro-PLO winner, Dr. Hatam Abu Ghazaleh, yesterday said that he and his colleagues would concentrate on municipal affairs. But, he added that the new councils would foil any Israeli attempt at "legitimizing the occupation in the West Bank or at promoting any type of home rule in the territory."

He said that any political issue concerning the local population will have to be dealt with by the Palestinian representatives, the PLO. Israeli officials last night tended to tone down the political aspects of the West Bank elections, but there were obvious mixed feelings among them.

Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday said that the fact there was a radical victory was "no day of mourning for Israel. This is a challenge which we shall stand up to." Peres, however, lauded the positive side of the elections as a reflection of Israel's inherent spirit of democracy.

### Woman held as mystery shooter

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A young woman — suspected of being the "mysterious shooter" who has wounded five persons in this area during the past few weeks — has been arrested by the Tel Aviv police. A 22 calibre pistol was found in her handbag. A police spokesman gave no further details last night but said the suspect would be brought before a magistrate this morning for remand. (Earlier story — page 3)



Rescuers, working under lights, were last night searching through debris of the Shoshan home in Beit Shemesh, above, demolished when an earth-laden truck rolled into it. (Rahamin Israeli)

## Truck wrecks house — three killed

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
BEIT SHEMESH. — Three persons — a truck driver, an elderly woman and a young girl — were killed here yesterday when an earth-laden truck crashed into a home and demolished it. Five persons were injured.

The truck was delivering soil to the home of the Shoshan family in Rehov Hanassi, on a hillside, shortly after 4 p.m. As it was manoeuvring

to get into the yard, it apparently lost its brakes and rolled into the house, which collapsed on top of the truck.

A large force of police and rescue men began work immediately, but were hampered by the truck's load of earth. A large crane-equipped tow truck was called in from Tel Aviv.

After four hours of work, rescuers uncovered the bodies of Esther

Shoshan, 73, her granddaughter Malka, 15, and the driver, Yoel Malka, 21 of Ashkelon. Five other members of the family, whose ages range from 18 to 51, were rushed to Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, where they were reported out of danger.

The rescue operations continued last night as it was feared another member of the family might have been caught under the debris.

## '5 per cent wage rise in civil service'

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Wages in the civil service will increase by five per cent in the next two years, and specific allowances will be "absorbed" during that period, the Alignment's resolutions committee decided last night.

This decision — a compromise proposal submitted by Labour Party Secretary-General Meir Zarmi — will bind the Alignment representatives who form a majority in the Government and the Histadrut. The resolutions committee includes seven Cabinet ministers, seven members of the Histadrut's Central Committee and seven other key figures such as members of the Knesset Finance Committee.

The committee did not decide by how much the wages will be increased this year and how much next year.

The method by which the allowances will be absorbed was left to the Histadrut's Central Committee to decide.

The Histadrut had demanded a six per cent wage increase in the coming two years, but Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel told *The Jerusalem Post* after the meeting that "this is the maximum we could get."

One participant told reporters he hoped that the Government, the Histadrut and the 62,000 civil servants who do not receive the allowance would jointly resist an expected strike of the other civil servants who oppose any cut in their allowance.

## K says time for step-by-step over

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger yesterday said that it is now generally agreed "and Israel agrees too" — that the time for continued step-by-step diplomacy in the Middle East "is probably over and that we now have to work in a wider canvas."

Answering questions at a gathering of newspaper editors, the Secretary said that "a year or so down the road" the new strategy of seeking comprehensive agreements will begin to merge with his earlier step-by-step approach. He did not elaborate.

Strongly defending his partial agreement approach, Kissinger maintained that any attempt immediately after the 1973 Yom Kippur War for an overall settlement would have probably failed and such a "blow up would have been outweighed by anything that could have been achieved at that period."

Earlier yesterday, various American Middle East experts criticized Kissinger's step-by-step method during panel discussions before the newspaper editors. Kissinger responded with a lengthy defence of this method, pointing out, however, that "the time for individual steps with individual countries is probably over."

Kissinger said that the U.S. has made inroads in the Arab world during the past two years, and said that the Lebanon crisis proves this. "We are still the country that the parties look toward for constructive solutions to their problems," he said.

Kissinger, who has said previously that his step-by-step approach was probably dead, had never confirmed that Israel has also accepted this view.

It seems that Israel's latest offer to negotiate agreements with Egypt, Jordan and Syria ending the state of war is being interpreted by

Kissinger in the broadest sense, necessarily involving more than one Arab country — probably all three of them — at the same time.

Kissinger said that the debate with his critics, therefore, really concerns only the style of negotiations he conducted immediately after the 1973 war, when, they believe, he should have pushed for an overall settlement. This is a question of "timing," Kissinger pointed out.

It was the American hope, the Secretary continued, that the partial steps, which would prove easier to arrange than an overall agreement, might result in increased confidence among the parties concerned, paving the way at a later point for an overall agreement.

Kissinger said that the domestic U.S. situation then — presumably a reference to the Watergate scandal — did not create a suitable situation for such an overall approach.

Failure in such negotiations, he said, would have resulted in 1) "a hardened oil embargo"; 2) "increased Soviet domination in the region"; and 3) "enhanced radicalism of the area."

Kissinger said that the rationale was that individual steps would gain time, and at that point, that was the most important matter.

## Blackout hits south Germany, most of Austria

MUNICH. — Much of southern Germany and almost all of Austria were blacked out for two hours yesterday when a transatlantic power cable here, killing one worker and seriously injuring three others.

Traffic lights cut out in Vienna and trams stalled in the middle of busy intersections. Fire brigades worked without respite to release people trapped in lifts, while hospitals switched to emergency generators.

Munich was in a similar plight and police described the situation as "total chaos." By the time power was restored two hours later, many firms had sent their employees home. (Reuters)

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Nazareth	64-71	67-73	70-76
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Jericho	59-66	62-68	65-71
Caes	58-65	61-67	64-70
Beerseba	57-64	60-66	63-69
Eilat	56-63	59-65	62-68
Tiras	55-62	58-64	61-67

Social and Personal

The Chief Justice of the Philippines, Fred Ruiz Castro, was received yesterday by President Ephraim Katzir and was the luncheon guest of Dr. Shimon Agranat, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

The President and Mrs. Katzir yesterday held a reception for participants in the solidarity encounter of Jewish youth and students.

A medical centre was dedicated in Ramat Gan yesterday by Kupat Holim Macabbi in the presence of Health Minister Victor Shemtov and Mayor Yisrael Peled.

The State Comptroller, Dr. I. E. Nebenzahl, met yesterday with the members of the Public Finance Committee of the Parliament of the Canton of Fribourg, Switzerland.

About 150 Russian immigrants attended a Pessah eve reception at the Hebrew University Centre for Pre-academic Studies on Mount Scopus Monday in memory of Zev (Wilhelm) Grzyb. Present at the ceremony were University vice-president Bernard Chertok, Grzyb's widow Pauline, now of Vosolda, Italy; and other members of the Grzyb family.

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ARRIVALS

Police Minister Shimon Bitel, from Holland, where he met with the Dutch Minister of Social and Economic Affairs and Social Welfare.

DEPARTURES

Yehuda Sha'ari, MK, to Romania, for a fortnight's visit.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our beloved mother, sister, grandmother

**ANNA (Chana) LEHRER**

wife of the late Moshe Mayer (Antwerp)  
The funeral took place yesterday in Jerusalem.

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**ANNA LEHRER**

Widow of the late Moshe Meir Lehrer, Antwerp

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**Dr. Leopold Yehuda Kamm**

Egged men must take IL600 cut

By DAVID KRIVINE

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

The Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday adopted the recommendations of the Golomb Committee on the financing of the Egged bus cooperative.

This involves three hard decisions for the busmen.

Their company, Mifalei Tovola, must sell off all its real estate and other possessions (including the bus terminals) — or as much of these assets as is necessary to mobilize IL200m.

Mifalei Tovola must loan the IL200m, unlinked and interest-free, to Egged, at least until the Golomb Committee publishes its final report, expected in August.

Egged members will have to suffer a IL600-a-month salary cut, this being roughly the figure necessary to release IL4m, a month of additional funds for their undertaking.

First reaction among the rank-and-file was to reject this solution. They had themselves submitted a proposal involving a wage cut of IL300 a month, which they think is enough. (Their earnings, according to Government sources, amount to IL5,000-IL6,000 a month gross, including the dividend on their investment.)

The men's complaint is that the Golomb Committee had specifically undertaken to apportion responsibility for Egged's deficit, since the Government's fare-finding policies have a major impact on the accounts. But the committee is not in a position to pronounce on that yet.

Meanwhile, the enterprise is in a bad way. Its debts have climbed to IL500m-IL600m. Egged is paying IL15m-IL16m, a month just in interest charges. Ramon Haral, the Government's representative on the board, told newsmen last night. Unless a solution is found quickly, the entire bus service may grind to a halt, he warned.

Yitzhak Oded adds: Egged's factions yesterday reached an agreement to form a wall-to-wall coalition. The new secretariat will be expanded to nine members (from five): three from the Progressive faction and one from the Oz faction (who were in the secretariat which resigned), three from the Alternative faction (which was in opposition), and two from Hayrat Ovdim.

On Friday morning the 33-man management board will meet to ratify this agreement, and later the 120-member governing council will gather to amend the bus cooperative's constitution, to provide for the executive to serve at least one full year.

All factions are opposed to the Golomb recommendations. However, Egged has no money to pay salaries, due on April 15; and it is believed they will have to yield to Government pressure in order to obtain additional funds.



Nahbus residents check election results, posted in a bookstore window, yesterday morning. The poster lists the new municipal council, headed by Bassam Shaka, and the closest two runners-up (below the line) under the heading "Failures."

Hammer: Vote proves Israel mustn't return West Bank

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The West Bank election results prove how unrealistic it is to imagine that Judea and Samaria could be returned to "moderates," in the view of Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer.

"If Israel, God forbid, ever relinquished the West Bank to 'moderates' — it would pass into the control of the extremists within hours," Hammer warned yesterday. He was speaking on the Army Radio's "Meet the Press" programme, broadcast live from Beit Sokerow here.

Hammer acknowledged that the elections had highlighted the nationalist sentiments of the West Bank population; "but I prefer an enemy within my country to an enemy outside narrow and untenable borders."

The NRP Young Guard leader said he would leave the Government if it decided to remove the Kaddum settlement camp in Samaria. The entire NRP would take the same step, he asserted.

(The Cabinet is scheduled to discuss the future of Kaddum towards the end of this month.)

Hammer said he would be taking part in Gush Emunim's march to Jericho next week.

"He called on the Government to approve Emunim's settlement proposals, since authorized settlement was to be preferred — 'from the educational and political viewpoints' — to 'partisan' settlement."

"But one should not condemn people who wish, in a democratic way, to demonstrate their zeal by attempting to settle the land," he said. Such attempts, even if they were illegal, should be judged by their "ideology and motivation." He compared them to the Black Panthers removing bottles of oil from traders' stores to distribute them among the poor.

Some ILP leaders want to leave Coalition

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Independent Liberal Party leaders are considering leaving the Coalition, mainly over the Government's failure to implement recommendations by the Hauser Committee to streamline Government ministries.

Some of the party's leaders told The Jerusalem Post yesterday they were disturbed by the Government's weakness. The Government did not carry out even those decisions which had the majority's support and depended only on internal considerations for their implementation, they felt.

The Hauser Committee recommendations, for reducing the number of portfolios by merging some of the ministries, were an example of this. The failure to carry these out, Minister without Portfolio Gideon Hausner told The Post, cast doubt on the Government's ability to implement other decisions.

Party leaders have conferred with Premier Yitzhak Rabin twice; but so far, a senior ILP source said last night, there was no clear majority for breaking away. During a debate by the ILP Knesset faction, no one had explicitly proposed defection.

Tourism Minister Moshe Kol is one of the leaders who apparently oppose a break. He felt there was no better alternative to the present coalition; and, while the majority in the party favoured remaining in the coalition, the party should support the present Government until the end of its term.

ILP Knesset Members Yitzhak Golan, Nissim Eliah and Yehuda Sha'ari also advocate remaining in the coalition. But MK Hillel Seldel said he was in favour of a break unless a National Unity Government were established.

Kreisky tells Israel: 'Pray for Sadat'

TEL AVIV. — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky advised Israel to "pray for the well-being of President Sadat" according to "Ha'olam Hazeh" editor Uri Avneri.

Avneri, returning from a visit to Austria, yesterday reported he met twice with Kreisky. The first meeting took place on the eve of Sadat's visit to Austria, and lasted four and a half hours. Most of it was not for publication, Avneri said, "but I asked Kreisky to inform Sadat of the efforts and problems of the peace camp in Israel, and as far as I know this was done."

However, Avneri denied emphatically he had arranged for a meeting with Sadat at Kreisky's home. He said he did meet, while in Europe, with Arab figures; but he refused to say where and with whom.

It was during their second meeting — for an hour and a half during the break between Kreisky's two long sessions with Sadat on Monday — that Kreisky ("a true friend of Israel") told Avneri, Israel should pray for Sadat's good health.

Avneri said Kreisky was right in allowing the PLO to open an office in Vienna. "What is better for us?" Avneri asked rhetorically. "The PLO distributing leaflets and propaganda or bombing the airport through which most of the immigration from Eastern Europe passes to Israel?"

(Itm)

Seek fake dinar printing press

TEL AVIV. — Police are searching for a press which has been turning out counterfeit Jordanian currency.

A total of 20,000 fake dinars were found by police on Sunday when searching the flat of the Catalan family in Jaffa's Sderot Yerushalayim. On suspicion of drug possession, nearly a kilo of opium and the spurious Jordanian money were found in the house.

Rina Catalan has been released on IL3,000 bail. Her husband Shmuel was ordered remanded in custody for 10 days. (Itm)

T.A. municipal workers threaten wider sanctions

By SARAH HONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Municipal Employees Union has decided to expand their strike if, by the end of the Pessah holiday, the mayor does not rescind his decision to "freeze" the ten per cent pay hike granted at the beginning of the year to the city's 600 manual labourers.

The 600 blue-collar workers have been on a walkout since the beginning of the week, but their strike has not had much effect thus far. It could have a cumulative effect later on, however, as roads that go without repair and electrical lights that are not fixed begin to disturb the public.

The Employees Union announced that if no change in city policy is forthcoming all the employees in the departments to which the 600 manual workers belong will join them on strike. This could mean some 4,000 city employees out on strike, in which case services to the general public would be greatly disrupted.

The 600 employees in question, earning the lowest wages on the city payroll, were promised a ten per cent pay hike, which would have cost the city IL2m. annually. The Ministry of the Interior, however, saw this as a breach of the collective wage policy and reacted by denying the city financial allocations to the tune of some IL7m. a month. Already tottering on the brink of bankruptcy, the city could not afford to get deeper in the red and had to give in to ministry pressure.

Driver — you're being watched!

TEL AVIV. — Young volunteers are jolting down the license numbers of automobiles emitting black exhaust fumes or blowing their horns unnecessarily.

The numbers will be forwarded to the National Council for the Prevention of Road Accidents, who will send out warning letters to the cars' drivers.

The campaign has been initiated by Malaz, the organization which fights noise and pollution. The present campaign has the active cooperation of the police and the Tel Aviv Municipality. The volunteers are members of Hanoar Ha'oved Veheslom.

Negotiations off

TEL AVIV. — The secretary of the Metal, Electricity, and Electronics Workers Union, Yitzhak Giladi, announced yesterday that negotiations with representatives of the employers over the renewal of labour contracts had broken down. The reason given for the cessation of talks was the refusal of the employers to agree to bringing salaries into line with those of other industrial workers.

THE ISRAEL BOND Temple Beth Ahm Delegation, from Springfield, New Jersey, has arrived on a two-week study tour of the country.

On the other side of the bars now

HAIFA. — A former paymaster at the Damm Prison on Mount Carmel was yesterday sentenced to six months in jail and fined IL5,000 for stealing money from inmates and jailers.

Fuad Ibn Zidan Halabi, 39, of Daliat al-Carmel, kept IL6,125 entrusted to him by prison employees or deposited by prisoners during 1972 and 1973.

The accused, who had previously served for nine years as a jailer, admitted to covering up by falsifying the books.

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OLD AND NEW MUSIC AND DANCE

International spring tennis circuit starts in Tel Aviv

By JACK LEON

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Sixteen overseas players were on hand yesterday when the old Maccabi Tzafon tennis club in Sderot Rokah opened its first-ever international tournament on the club's four new asphalt courts. More than \$2,000 in prize money is being awarded at the event, which concludes on Friday.

Benny Deutch and Zvi Laufer, who founded Maccabi Tzafon back in 1939 in Rehov Basel (it moved to the present premises some 20 years ago) were present for the occasion. The club, which now has nine courts in all, plans to build two more asphalt ones shortly.

Deutch and Laufer told The Jerusalem Post. The first four were constructed at a cost of IL200,000, and their high quality drew much praise from the guest players.

The tournament, which started two hours late because of morning rain, inaugurated the Israel Lawn Tennis Association's \$10,000 seventh international spring circuit. Play starts today and tomorrow at 9 a.m.

Israel's No. 3, Yosef Steinhilz, was the only local competitor to defeat a foreign player yesterday, pulling off a handsome 6-2, 6-2 victory over Australian Ross Neville. However, Yehoshua Shalev bowed out 3-6, 2-6 to Larry Parker of the U.S., who thus avenged his defeat by Shalev in the finals of the 1974 Pessah tennis championships.

Top-seeded Colin Dowdeswell of Rhodesia, the 1975 Wimbledon doubles runner-up, started with a 6-3, 6-2 success against Dan Shari, while leading Australian junior David Carter, seeded next, defeated Tony Anzures 6-1. Ranking Frenchman Jacques Tamin, the No. 3 seed, beat Gaby Harnat 6-3, 6-4, and fourth-seeded Noel Callaghan, another leading junior from Australia, was taken to 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 by Danny Kalovsky. In the day contest between foreign participants, Canadian Davis Cup man Roger Genois yesterday evening beat America's Ken Friedman, 6-3, 6-2, sixth in Hawaii, by 7-5, 6-2.

The women go into action today. The four top seeds are Israeli Paulina Pelsachov, New Zealand Federation Cup players Pauline Elliot and Christine Newton, and local girls' champion Ronit Heller.

Other countries represented at the tournament are Canada, Holland and Kenya. The 17 foreign players — one unexpected entry, Australian Peter Campbell, arrived too late for inclusion in the current meet — are staying at the Ora Hotel here.

At least three more guests from abroad, including French star Nathalie Fuchs, are due here shortly for the circuit, which continues with a tournament in Haifa (April 17-20) and the 42nd annual Pessah International Championships at Ramat Hasharon (April 20-25).

Rain again washed out all play yesterday in the junior tennis championships at the Rapoel courts here.

League soccer Saturday as Koreans stay home

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — National League soccer games will take place on Saturday, after the South Koreans announced they will definitely not be coming to Israel for the international match set for Sunday.

The South Korean Football Association last night told the Israeli Ambassador in Seoul, Mordechai Ben-Yohanan, that there was little point in the team coming since Israel's 4:1 win over Japan last Sunday put paid to any chance they had of reaching the Olympic finals.

Ben-Yohanan said the Koreans would be sending a representative to discuss with the Israel Football Association its demands for financial compensation from the South Koreans. The FA is asking for a sum equivalent to half the gate in the first match between the countries in Seoul in addition to reimbursement of expenses incurred over the cancelled return game — altogether some \$100,000.

It is learned that 16,000 tickets had already been sold for the game, and the FA had hoped for another 40,000 crowd (the same number that saw the game against Japan).

The FA will also review its position regarding the World Cup qualifying rounds, in which Israel is in a group with South Korea, North Korea and Japan. The plan for this prestigious soccer competition was to play home and away games, as in the Olympic preliminary rounds.

The National League season took a break after March 21 to enable the national side to play in the Olympic qualifying rounds against Japan and South Korea. The league season was due to resume next Wednesday.

Saturday's National League games — Netanyahu Maccabi v. Be'er Sheva, Haifa Maccabi v. Hapoel, Tel Aviv Hapoel v. Be'er Sheva, Hapoel, Tel Aviv Hapoel v. Shimon, Hadera Hapoel v. Tel Aviv Maccabi, Jerusalem Betar v. Petah Tikva Maccabi, Ramat Amidar Maccabi v. Haifa Hapoel and Kfar Sava Hapoel v. Jaffa Maccabi.

Chocolate girls back from Eurovision test

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The Chocolate-Mentha-Mastik trio, which placed sixth in the recent Eurovision song contest in The Hague, returned to Israel yesterday. They were accompanied by composer Matti Caspi, who conducted the Eurovision orchestra which accompanied the trio in his song "Say Shalom."

Yardena Araz, Ruthie Holtzman and Lea Lotfin said they will soon be leaving for a tour of Europe, boosted by their Eurovision success.

Timna compensation

The Knesset's Finance Committee yesterday approved a Government guarantee for a IL20m. loan to enable the payment of compensation for dismissed Timna mine workers.

According to the Transitional Budget Law, no more than one-tenth of the total IL25m. set aside for compensating the Timna workers can be spent in the first quarter of the fiscal year. The loan will enable immediate payment of severance pay.

CORRECTION

The photo on page 23 of today's Pessah and Tourism Supplement is of the Chaye Olam Yeshiva, and not as stated in the caption.

Yeshivat Hakotel extends a hearty welcome to its dear friends.

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Mr. Solly Klapisch and his wife Blanche as they take up residence in their new home in Savoy on the Pessah holiday. We join with their children and grandchildren in wishing them many more years together in good health, happiness, and continued devotion to our cause.

During his recent visit to Israel, Mr. Alain Pocher, President of the French Senate and Honorary President of the French Committee of Friends of Shaare Zedek, was presented with a testimonial scroll by Prof. David Zedek. Seen at the ceremony are (from left): Mr. Zvi Caspi, Shaare Zedek Director of Development, Mr. Solly Klapisch, President of the French Committee, Mr. Joseph Sydlowski, President of the French Senate, Mr. Alain Pocher, President of the French Senate, and Mr. Yosef Hadas, former Israeli Minister to France.



## JEW RE-ENACT STORY OF EXODUS FROM EGYPT

### Festival of Freedom starts tonight



The O/C Central Command, Aluf Yoss Efrat, brings holiday greetings to a girl soldier hospitalized at the Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem yesterday. (Rahamin Yisraeli)

By JUDY SIEGEL  
and Jerusalem Post Staff

Recalling their passage from slavery in ancient Egypt to freedom and nationhood, Jews around the world will recline like kings around tables laden with matza, wine, delicacies and bitter herbs at the Pesach seder tonight.

Beginning with a benediction over wine and ending with the singing of psalms of praise, the 15-part seder encourages the active participation of even the youngest children. Matza, greens dipped in salt water, and the other symbols of the Exodus — as well as four cups of wine corresponding to the four expressions of redemption — are consumed during the seder ceremony.

Shoppers have been astounded by the price rises since last Pesach. Supermarket customers have been heard complaining gloomily that they will have to make do with less food while spending more. Shoes and clothing stores are less busy than usual, with fewer families outfitting themselves in new clothes as is customary on the holiday.

A 2.5-kilo package of machine-made matza is IL7.90 this year, compared to IL6.50 in 1975. A kilo of hand-baked matza is going for IL6.0 to IL8.5.

President Ephraim Katzir and Defense Minister Shimon Peres will spend the seder at a navy base, while Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur will join a base in the North. Although there will be no central IDF seder this year, separate seders will take place from southernmost Sinai to the Golan Heights, and soldiers on front-line duty have been provided a Pesach meal in a box.

Soldiers will be visited during the intermediate days of the holiday by 21 groups of new immigrants. In the programme, organized by the Absorption Ministry and the army, the soldiers will hear why the newcomers came to Israel and describe their service in the IDF to the immigrants.

Thousands of haggadot with the story of Pesach, translated into Russian, have been distributed to new immigrants by the Religious Affairs Ministry and the Absorption Ministry. Many new settlers have been invited by veteran Israelis into their homes for the seder.

All hamets (leaven) — banished by Halacha from Jewish households throughout the Passover festival — should be eaten or sold to non-Jews by 9.30 this morning. The last remnants of leaven, gathered by candlelight with the aid of a feather yesterday evening, should be burned before 10.30 a.m. In many neighbourhoods, the commandment will be observed by swarms of obliging children carrying bottles of paraffin and matches who turn the leaven into small pyres in the streets.

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, empowered by the Finance Ministry, will sell the State's hamets to a Druse soldier this morning.

The holiday has been blessed by a bumper crop of tourists — 40 per cent higher than last year at this time. Hotels are full of visitors from abroad, forcing many Israelis to stay at home or camp out in a traditional setting for the seder — the sands of Sinai. Some 30,000 passengers arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport in the last three days (there were 150 incoming or outgoing flights yesterday), and 14 cruise ships are expected in Haifa by the onset of the holiday.

Over 8,000 passengers will pass through Haifa Port during the week of Passover, beginning today. The largest of the ships will be Queen Elizabeth II, due for a two-day visit on Saturday morning with 1,750 aboard, mainly Americans. This morning some 350 Greek pilgrims will arrive for a fortnight's stay in the Aegean, and the San Giorgio will dock with 180 Germans.

Egged estimates that over a million passengers will be using public transport before and immediately after the holiday, and has mobilized 3,000 buses to handle the anticipated traffic.

The Nature Reserves Authority reports that facilities along the Gulf of Eilat are ready and waiting for the thousands of visitors expected over the holiday.

The authority suggests that visitors to the area keep in mind that there are facilities along the whole length of the gulf and there is no necessity for visitors confining themselves to the more established sites at Eilat, Negot or Di-Zahav.

In the North, the authority suggests that visitors consider the northeast shore of the Kinneret. Here, it is noted, overcrowding will be less of a problem.

The Society for the Protection of Nature reports that its 14 field schools are booked solid for the holiday. Dozens of individuals have reserved places at the Zuki David field school, near Samia Katerina.

An audio-visual pageant, specially organized for tourists, will take place at Masada on Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m. The hour-long programme, presenting the story of the Roman siege of the fortress, will include readings in English, fireworks and a light show. Hotels have prepared a second seder tomorrow evening for tourists from abroad.

The Jerusalem Municipality has arranged public seders for city residents at the Sora Restaurant and at the community centre in Rehov Chilo, in Kiryat Yovel.

Free guided tours of the Old City begin tomorrow from the Citadel at 8.30 a.m. and 1.15 p.m. The three-hour walking tours, which will pass by the Jewish and Armenian quarters, the market and the Western Wall, will be conducted throughout the holiday.

#### TRAIN SCHEDULE

Israel Railways will add cars today, to cope with the increased passenger load on Pesach eve, the Railways spokesman announced yesterday. The schedule will be the same as for the eve of Sabbath. Civilian passengers are requested to leave early to enable soldiers to board the last trains.

The last trains today will leave as follows:

Jerusalem-Tel Aviv	13.45
Jerusalem-Haifa	12.18
Tel Aviv-Haifa	15.00
Haifa-Tel Aviv	15.13
Haifa-Jerusalem	12.07
Haifa-Nahariya	12.44
At the conclusion of the holiday, Thursday:	
Tel Aviv-Haifa	20.08
Haifa-Tel Aviv	20.00

The renowned Sasson Haggada, purchased by the State in an auction last year, will be on display at the Israel Museum during Pesach. Since visitors are not allowed to browse through the 600-year-old book, colour-plates of the pages will be flashed behind it.

The Israel and Rockefeller Museums will be open free to all comers on Monday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef will receive the public at his office in Heichal Shlomo on Sunday and Monday, from 10 a.m. to noon. Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren will hold receptions at his home (51 King David Street, Tel Aviv) on Friday, Sunday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

The traditional blessing of the *Kohanim* will take place at the Western Wall on Monday at 3 a.m. Fulfilling their promise to the Lubavitcher Rebbe in Brooklyn, Hasidim from Kfar Habad have distributed matza to inmates in all the country's prisons, and to new immigrants and bereaved families as well. Over 50,000 schoolchildren have come to the Habad village to observe the matza-baking process.

Matza and wine has gone forth

out of Israel to Jewish communities in Eastern Europe and North Africa, paid for by the Joint Distribution Committee. The 250,000 kilos of matza and 35,000 bottles of wine cost over \$320,000.

Israel's exports of Pesach foods were 20 per cent higher this year than in 1975, reaching a total of \$6.5m., according to Haim Bar-Shai, head of the Food Division of the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

The bulk of the exports consist of matza and wine, with a great demand this year for matza *shmurah* (the "guarded matza," watched against leavening from the wheat-harvesting stage). Apart from the U.S. and Europe, the foods were also sent to such countries as Iceland, Japan, Taiwan and Ethiopia.

In Nahariya, bureaucracy was conquered in a joint effort of the Shikun Ushvun housing company, the Electric Corporation, Amigur (another Government housing company) and the municipality, to enable 20 immigrant families to spend their first seder in their own homes. They were temporarily housed in rented apartments or Jewish Agency hostels, awaiting the completion of their homes by a private building contractor. Work stopped when he went bankrupt, but was resumed by a concerted effort of the various agencies. The families moved in last week.

The artists village of Ein Hod, outside Haifa, is holding an arts and crafts fair that was opened by the Mayor of Haifa yesterday and will sell works of art and crafts of all types until April 24. Ya'acov Ardon notes that the village, inhabited by 35 families, is still cut off from the public transport system. Egged agrees to run bus services to Ein Hod, despite efforts of the Haifa Municipality and other bodies.

Ally activists from a number of Soviet cities have sent Pesach greetings to President Ephraim Katzir and to the people of Israel.

In one greeting, from the city of Kiev, the activists express the hope that, with the aid of the people of Israel, "we too will be able to throw off the yoke of the present-day Pharaoh and return to our promised land."

#### Bribery suspects freed after 50 days' remand

TEL AVIV. — The District Court here yesterday ordered the police to release industrialist Yosef Mar-shak of Haifa and his economist, Yohanan Rafiah, who are suspected of having bribed a Defence Ministry official.

The two have been in police custody for a total of more than 50 days, the judge noted, even though they are currently held on a new suspicion connected with the case. A request by the Attorney-General is needed to obtain a remand order after holding a suspect more than 30 days in custody — and such a request had not been made.

#### Kidnapper-mother 'fugitive from justice'

TEL AVIV. — Eva Ginsberg, who has been in hiding since she abducted her two-year-old son from his father's house six weeks ago, was yesterday declared a fugitive from justice by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court.

Mrs. Ginsberg kidnapped young Yuval after refusing to accept a rabbinical court ruling that the child remain in the custody of his father. The Ginsbergs are divorced.

LOTTO. — The winning six numbers in yesterday's Lotto draw were 39, 38, 19, 12, 08 and 04. The additional number was 26.

## Public unnerved by gunman, police blackout on probe

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The unknown gunman who shot and wounded six persons over the past 10 days is still at large, creating considerable nervousness among Tel Aviv and Holon residents.

Five of the gunman's victims have been shot in or near buses — mainly those travelling in the Holon area. The number of passengers on Holon bus lines has dropped seriously. One regular commuter between Holon and Tel Aviv reports: "For the first time in years, I have been able to find a seat."

Another traveller, who was riding the No. 51 bus on Allenby Sunday, tells of a rear window suddenly shattering, throwing the passengers into panic. He said people screamed and shouted to the bus driver to let them out, because the "crazy man" was on the bus. The

driver remained cool and kept the doors shut. A check of the shattered glass lying on the bus floor failed to indicate whether the glass had been broken by a bullet, a stone, or the heat of the sun.

All but one of the gunman's victims have been superficially wounded and released after treatment. However, Madeline Abdullah of Jaffa remains in serious condition at Donolo Hospital. She was shot through the waist.

A police spokesman refused to divulge any details about the progress of the case. Following the revelation in one of the evening papers that plainclothesmen were travelling on buses, the police have placed a news blackout on the investigation. It is believed that this information drove the gunman from the buses into the Carmel Market, the scene of the most recent shooting.

## NON-JEWISH SOVIET HISTORIAN WILL REQUEST VISA TO ISRAEL

MOSCOW. — Soviet dissident historian Andrei Amalrik has bowed to official suggestions that he apply for an exit visa to Israel, although he intends to live in Holland and the U.S., friends said yesterday.

Amalrik, 37, had earlier declined official suggestions that he should apply to emigrate to Israel, because he is not Jewish and his wife is a

Muslim. The friends said, however, that he had no intention of settling in Israel, although he would like to visit it as a tourist.

Soviet authorities normally insist that emigrants apply to go to Israel, where Soviet Jews have been going in recent years on grounds of family reunification.

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## Jewish Beirut sacked, nearly all have fled

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ROSE HANIKRA. — Only about 400 Jews remain in Lebanon — as opposed to some 2,500 a year ago — according to a tourist who arrived here from that country over the weekend.

The visitor reported that the Jewish Wadi Abu Jamil quarter of Beirut was inhabited only by a few aged persons, women and children physically incapable of escaping on the roads. He added that most of the homes in the quarter have been razed, and that some have been taken over by Kurdish refugees.

The tourist said that most of the Jews have left Lebanon. The few remaining are in Harndoun or in mountain villages. He was told that most Jewish property had been plundered, and that the Jews doubt they can ever reconstruct their lives in Lebanon.

## Draft law to define social worker status

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A proposed draft law defining the professional status of social workers has been worked out by a committee representing the Welfare Ministry and Israel's social workers, and is headed by the ministry's legal adviser Arye Brick.

The draft law lists those social welfare activities which may be undertaken only by a professional social worker. Any non-professional engaging in these activities may be punished under the criminal code, according to the proposal. Professional social workers under the new law, will be listed in a central register, as are doctors and lawyers. A disciplinary committee to hear complaints by the public against social workers is also included in the proposal.

The law will also allow social workers to refuse to divulge information concerning their clients which they may have acquired in the course of their work.

"MODERNITY AND TRADITION and the Crisis in the Modern World" will be the theme of the Centennial Symposium honouring the 100th anniversary of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The symposium will be held at the school's Jerusalem branch April 17-19.

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# Saudi plane escorted on its way

'Treated well,' says commander

By ZEEV SCHUL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**BEN-GURION AIRPORT.** — The Saudi Arabian Air Force transport, intercepted over Israel Air space at noon on Monday, was released here yesterday at 9 a.m. All of its 36 passengers and crew were on board and the plane was piloted by its co-captain, an American civilian employee of the Lockheed Corp. He was one of the three Americans on board the plane.

The Saudis were billeted in an army camp near here overnight. Army cots, blankets and sheets were provided, as well as plenty of food and drink. The senior officer in charge of the military contingent was reported to have expressed his thanks for the fair treatment given to them.

As the Hercules plane revved up its engines, waiting for take-off clearance from the control tower, a single Israeli Air Force Skyhawk, fitted with external fuel tanks for long distance flights and carrying rocket pods came whistling in at low altitude. It circled the airfield

twice while the Hercules took off and then, flying underneath the Saudi plane, "nudged" it into a steep ascent. Both planes vanished into the low cloud cover a few minutes later.

It is understood that the Hercules was routed directly south out of the country, overflying Eilat. With the ground obscured by the low clouds the Saudis could not have seen anything they were not supposed to see on their overflight of Israel territory.

The Hercules had been serviced, refueled and checked out by Israel Aircraft Industries crew.

The unannounced departure of the plane caught the news media by surprise. There had been an early morning announcement that the press would be permitted to interview the Saudis and also that the interrogation was not yet completed. The plane was not expected to leave before yesterday afternoon or even held overnight until this morning.

Aviation experts here point out that Israel would have been within

its legal rights to impound the plane since Saudi is still technically at war with Israel. The crews also could have been held. There was not even the mitigating circumstances of having been in distress. Navigation errors of as wide a margin as those made by the Saudi plane are inexplicable, considering the modern twin navigation sets on board these planes.

This was a daytime flight, and although the ground may have been obscured by cloud cover there should still have been occasional streaks to show that they were not flying over the sea, as they should have been, and that they were probably, at the time of their interception, dozens of miles off course.

Observers regretted that the press was not given a chance to interview the Saudis to corroborate the Israeli version that the plane was actually within Israeli air space, if not overflying Israeli terrain proper, at the time of its interception. There will be nothing to prevent the Saudis from claiming now that their plane was actually far out at sea and "hijacked."



Reptile park owner Eric Worrall (top) helps his assistant, 15-year-old Stephen McEwan, escape the deadly clutches of a three-metre-long python last Saturday at Gosford, near Sydney, Australia. The boy had taken the snake into the pond to assist it in shedding its skin. After a ten-minute struggle, the boy was freed. (AP radiophoto)

## S. Africans laud results of Vorster's Israel visit

**PRETORIA.** — South African Premier John Vorster returned home yesterday to find widespread approval of the results of his four-day visit to Israel.

Even opposition politicians and press praised the visit for the economic, scientific and industrial agreement it produced. "Vorster's startling Israeli pact" said a headline in the anti-government "Rand Daily Mail," referring to the agreement by which a joint ministerial committee would be set up to discuss and implement trade and economic projects.

Colin Eglin, leader of the Progressive Party and its chief spokesman of foreign affairs, said he welcomed the pact as "a most imaginative move based on common sense appropriate to international relations."

South African Jewry hailed Vorster as "an outstanding statesman" and welcomed the announced pact between South Africa and Israel. John Simon, chairman of the Cape Council of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, described it as "a most imaginative act of statesmanship on the part of both countries."

The agreement also was welcomed by the South Africa-Israel Chamber of Economic Relations.

The suggestion that a military supply relationship was perhaps also in prospect between the two countries was however swiftly refuted by officials. (AP, Reuters)

## 43 die in Finnish munitions blast

**LAPUA, Finland.** — At least 43 persons, most of them women, were killed yesterday when an explosion ripped through part of a munitions factory in this western Finnish town.

The blast, the biggest peacetime explosive accident in Finnish history, also injured 30.

Rescue workers combed the rubble for further victims — despite the danger of masonry falling from what remained of the devastated factory wing. The cause of the explosion is still undetermined. (Reuters)

## Cairo hails Sadat's return

**CAIRO.** — President Anwar Sadat returned home yesterday after a two-week tour of Western Europe which brought him support for his Middle East policies, a trickle of financial assistance and a firm military relationship with France.

Sadat was given a hero's welcome on his arrival from Vienna, with thousands of Egyptians lining the road from the airport. Yesterday, workers erected triumphal arches, hoisted the national colors and set up posters welcoming the president.

Cairo newspapers yesterday hailed the European visit as successful beyond all expectations, fully achieving its objectives.

As with his visit six months ago

to France, the U.S. and Britain, the Egyptian leader was mobilizing support for the Palestinians and urging complete Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories.

In a blast at the Egyptian leader, the Syrian Ambassador to London said yesterday that the Sadat regime was "the most hated in the Arab world."

Ambassador Adnan Omran made the charge in a BBC radio interview dealing with events in Lebanon. He accused Egypt of responsibility for the trouble in Lebanon, describing it as "a complete cover-up" for Cairo's isolation in the Arab world in the wake of the Sinai agreement with Israel. (Reuters, JTA)

## Hijackers ordered to leave Libya '87 Basque terrorists arrested'

**BENGHAZI.** — Three Filipino hijackers were ordered to leave Libya yesterday shortly after they landed in a commandeered DC-8 airliner, but the gunmen said they would not go.

Report authorities refused to allow the hijackers or their two hostages to leave the aircraft when they arrived from Karachi. They offered to "return" the plane and supply it with enough provisions to take it to another destination.

The statement developed at Benghazi's Benina Airport shortly after the aircraft arrived at midday. The gunmen had taken off from Karachi after an overnight refueling stop and officials there said the aircraft had permission to land at Benghazi.

It carried a \$300,000 ransom in addition to the two hostages. A crew of eight was on board.

The drama began last Wednesday over the southern Philippines when the gunman, who say they belong to a Muslim secessionist group, seized a BAC-111 jet. They transferred to the longer-range DC-8 in Bangkok. Both planes belong to the Philippine Airlines (PAL), whose vice-president Rafael Igoa, is one of the hostages. (Reuters)

**MADRID.** — Spanish police have arrested 87 members or sympathizers of the Basque guerrilla group ETA, the Interior Ministry said last night.

The detained included three men said responsible for the kidnapping and death of a Basque industrialist. The Ministry said that another member of the commando unit that murdered industrialist Angel Barzad last Thursday had got away.

It added that the three men had confessed to the Barzad crime and also to the kidnapping of Jose Luis Arrasate, the son of a Basque industrialist held from January 13 to February 18 and released for a large ransom.

Observers thought the arrests could be as severe a blow to ETA as the detentions of several of their top leaders last summer. ETA stands for the initials of the Basque words for "Basque Land and Liberty."

The ministry said that, besides the three members of the commando, police in Bilbao and other Basque towns had arrested 84 other presumed ETA members or collaborators. The police also discovered several ETA hideouts and weapons and ammunition, the Ministry said. (Reuters)

## Italian lira hits new low as political crisis deepens

**ROME.** — Italy's political-economic crisis gathered fresh momentum last night with the lira plunging to new lows and the country's balance of payments slumping still deeper into deficit.

The ruling Christian Democrats prepared for a meeting today which will decide whether to go ahead with general elections that could bring the Communists to power.

Turin's "La Stampa" newspaper called for emergency measures. "Above all, we must act quickly," it said. "Elections must be held as soon as possible, otherwise we shall have to many months of uncertainty and the defence of the lira will become increasingly problematic."

The Socialists and Communists said yesterday the only chance to avoid a poll was for all parties to agree on a common platform to last until the end of the present legislative term next spring.

If a general election reflected the voting trends of regional elections last June, the Communists and Socialists would take 47 per cent of the vote. But recent opinion polls indicate they could now seize a slim overall majority.

The lira yesterday fell to a record low of 916 to the dollar before the Bank of Italy mustered its meagre reserves to provide some support.

The move was matched by a modest improvement on the exchange, which hit a 20-year low yesterday. (Reuters)

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## THE FIFTH PAGE

A RAINY DAY in the Arab village of Sur Bahr high above Jerusalem. Around the walls of a simple school room, forty children are sitting on benches waiting for the show to begin. Enter the photographer; wild applause. Enter the reporter; more applause. And so it continued the whole afternoon. It was like the circus coming to town — no elephants, but plenty of puppets and magic. The players are here with "Gypsies".

In the show all the actors are gypsies who meet every five years, and the action opens with one of these reunions. Each gypsy tells his own story, and in rapid succession we are taken through their different wanderings over the world. Sea journeys, the land of the simple people, a gentle, fantastic underwater men, and a puppet theatre. Two neighbours are fighting over a rose. In whose garden does it belong? Before they destroy it, a little boy suggests they break down the fence and make one big garden together, and so they do.

Next we discover a stool; what's this squinting on all fours? Each gypsy tiptoes up to it with the caution of a cat and everyone holds his breath. Slowly, slowly they sit down till the stool has lost its mystery and the whole cast bundles on top and suddenly the genie rises silently out of a great tea chest where he's been hiding all the time. We have three wishes, but before granting the third, the genie stalls.

"No, not now!" he protests, "I'm tired, I'm going to bed. I haven't slept for a thousand years!"

But with forty hungry children shouting for their ice cream, what can a genie do?

Finally the last gypsy is just about to leave the stage for another five years when she stops. Why the heck? She calls the others back and says: "If I only had some helpers, think what I could do!"

Everyone gets up and joins a group. Altogether there are four, each one led by an actor: a puppet workshop, dancing, clowns, and a group of builders making something out of nothing. Twenty minutes later we return to the stage, some with puppets with red cotton hair and brown paper faces, others with white spots on their noses while the builders have created a house of heathen and wood. Part Two finishes with each group performing its own little number and the show closes with a final song and dance.

SO GOES an afternoon with the "Gypsies". The children's theatre



Khuro Haas, the leader of the group (top left, with beard), and some of the other members.

## THE GYPSIES COME HOME

By PAUL NATHANSON

group started 18 months ago by Khuro Haas, a professional clown from California. Khuro came to Israel after the Yom Kippur War with the idea of introducing some kind of joint activity among Jews and Arabs. His own show back in the United States had been based around Parafal, a figure from Arthurian legend and the search for the Holy Grail. Khuro made his Parafal into a clown also searching and full of wonder for simple things. Now Parafal features in "Gypsies". In fact, when he first arrived Khuro performed by himself before the group started with its base at his house in the Arab village of Silwan outside the Old City. For a time the show was extem-

pore with everyone contributing ideas. Only recently has a script been written. "Gypsies" at first was presented only in Hebrew. Then the Jerusalem Foundation suggested performances in local youth clubs and later at schools all over the country. So the group learnt their lines and all the songs in Arabic as well, although some of them hardly spoke Hebrew. At present the group consists of a mixture of Arabs, Sabras, Americans and English people, with everyone involved in outside activities apart from the stage. There is one kindergarten teacher; two others teach drama in schools and at the Israel Museum. There's a dancer who also works in the Cultural Department of the

Histadrut in East Jerusalem; and a Sabra actress who has worked in New York with the La Mama theatre group and in the "Women for Women" show here in Israel. Another two actors worked with the Ramat Essay Youth Theatre here in Jerusalem.

TODAY, the "Gypsies" perform throughout the school year, as well as an average of once a week in the summer months under the auspices of the Jerusalem Foundation.

With time they hope to have enough financial support to allow at least three of them to devote all their energies to the affairs of the group.

But for the present the show goes on as before, with a pace so fast that finally everyone's on stage and the distinction between actor and audience disappears. The "Gypsies" emphasize the direct participation of the children; the play becomes their play and no one is left just watching.

The performance I saw was excellent entertainment, and obviously enjoyed by the audience. What's more, I'll long remember it, although I didn't understand a word of Arabic. It had pace, colour and fantasy, and the group well deserves the continuing support of the Jerusalem Foundation.

And what will the future bring for the "Gypsies"? Perhaps they will be given a permanent base at the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. But in the meantime, they travel up and down the country with their engagements, sometimes taking them as far north as Shlomi, on the Lebanese border. They perform outside if possible, but resort to classrooms and school halls if it's too cold.

As for the actors themselves, the group enjoys particularly warm and close ties, and even absent members abroad or in the army keep in touch. And they say they find this warmth is returned at the schools they visit, certainly as was the case at the Sur Bahr village school where the teachers did everything possible to make them feel welcome and assisted readily in the workshops.

So what has been the most important aspect of the show, one of the actors replied, "The fact that the kids join in and share the experience with us, allowing us to break down traditional barriers."

Offstage, as well as on, for the more remote villages this well may be the children's first contact with Arabs or Jews, and for many it is probably the first time they see both Arab and Jew working together. Not all puppets and magic.

## Today is for the gullible



Our very own Uri Geller, below, occasionally takes trips in flying saucers, above.

GROWING UP, we put away childish things and dismissed all the superstitions I discussed in this column last week — only to replace them with even more grotesque beliefs.

Dotiness lies all about us and popular delusions flourish as never before. The gullible have taken over. "When I've filled in my soccer coupon," a man wrote to "The News of the World" some time ago, "I lay it on a plate and sprinkle a little nutmeg powder on it. Then I leave it for 20 hours before posting it." Marjorie Proops, the "Daily Mirror" agony columnist, regularly publishes letters of which the following is a typical example: "Dear Marjorie, if a girl has intercourse and then has nothing more to do with boys for a year, can she become a virgin again?"

Over to you, Marjorie. Any occult fad sweeps the globe as fast as modern communications can spread it. Just a couple of weeks ago, Mrs. Frances George, of Stoke-on-Trent, became Britain's champion plant talker, one of six finalists who took part in the contest to determine whose tongue is the greenest. One of the runners up confessed rather ruefully that he'd scolded his plant and "since they can't answer back, they are likely to shed a petal or a leaf or two, even go into a sulking wilt."

Mrs. George clearly enjoys a better relationship with her pot of Bride's Lace. She has, as our Postscript column already reported, regular singalongs with it and gives it two cups of tea a week and a bath: Grown from a cutting ("I won't hurt much, dear," Mrs. George had told the mother plant), her *actum domesticum navigatum* won her the £100 first prize.

I've heard of cauliflower ears, but this is ridiculous. I advise you to read "A Melon for Ecstasy" by John Wells and John Fortune (Penguin) to see to what splintery ends this sort of thing can lead. It's the story of a young man passionately in love with a tree.

ERICH VON DANKEN has cleaned up with several books, all of which became bestsellers, claiming that the Earth was visited by space-craft in ancient times. Archaeologists have patiently pointed out that his methods involve confusing BC and AD, and that he illustrates his text with sculpture and other artistic depictions of the "visitors" which include more than 40 well-known forgeries — but Mr. von Danken goes from strength to strength.

The British Unidentified Flying Objects Society recently got into the act with the claim that the Star of Bethlehem and sightings of Santa's



WITH PREJUDICE / ALEX BERLYNE

reindeer-drawn sleigh are classic UFOs.

The mind boggles. Our very own Uri Geller occasionally takes trips in flying saucers, according to his recently published autobiography. His first meeting with these visitors from outer space was in a field in Israel where the occupants of a UFO handed him a Parker Pen refill.

Mind you, it's not all been smooth going for Uri. A Swedish woman once claimed that his power had caused her contraceptive device to bend while she made love with her fiancé in front of the TV, resulting in an unwanted baby.

The UFO's have been busy over the Bermuda Triangle, according to Charles Berlitz whose book on the subject stayed on the bestseller lists for months recently. His claim that over 1,000 people have disappeared mysteriously in the area have been refuted by Lawrence Kusche in another book, "The Bermuda Mystery Solved," in which he states quite flatly "the authorities had no difficulty solving 99 per cent of the mysteries" in Berlitz's book.

Actually, there is one undisputed and well-documented mysterious disappearance which did take place in the area. Mr. John Stonehouse, M.P., went for a swim in Miami and was never seen again or, at least, not until he turned up in Australia with a new name and passport.

A MULTI-MILLION dollar a year cult which has swept the world is the Maharishi's Forty Minutes to Bliss — Transcendental Meditation.

A TM teacher in Stoke-on-Trent, Miss Celia McNab, believes that if only one per cent of the population were to practice meditation there would be a dramatic drop in the city's crime rate.

She may be right. A group of psychologists at the University of Washington in Seattle recently published their research into TM in "Science" magazine. They believe it deserves a less impressive name — Snoozing.

"We have found that meditators spend considerable time in sleep stages two, three and four during meditation," the paper says, "and our data suggests that the meditation period is not spent in a single, unique, wakeful, hypometabolic state." The meditators, they say, are simply drifting to sleep in the way that non-practitioners enjoy 40 winks after lunch.

A GROUP of 186 scientists, including 13 Nobel laureates, recently stated that "astrologers are charlatans" in the American journal "The Humanist".

Despite their condemnation, some 1,220 out of 1,600 U.S. dailies carry an astrology column and six American universities have academic courses in the subject. You may get some idea of how far the battle is lost by reading "Cat Astrology" by Mary Daniels (Wm. Morrow). The book tells you how to find out what sign your cat was born under so both of you can live a long and happy life.

The casting out of demons was in the news when the film "The Exorcist," was causing people to faint and swoon in cinemas all over the world. Israeli audiences (brought up on "The Dybbuk") shrugged it off with an "Ee-ech!"

The practice, which has been gaining acceptance in England, recently suffered a setback when a farmworker was sent to Broadmoor after killing his wife, rather messily, following a six-hour exorcism ceremony attended by Anglican and Methodist clergy.

A number of exorcists have become minor celebrities, including the Rev. Trevor Dearing who casts out the devil of disease by calling out "Arthritis I banish you from every joint and bone." "Eyes. Receive healing!" "Catarrh. Out!" and similar exhortations.

Dr. R.K. McCall, a Hampshire psychiatrist, thinks exorcism should be practised in mental hospitals. He has a more urbane technique: "Sometimes I just tell Satan I have spotted him and he can mind his own business. I tell him to buzz off in the name of the Lord Jesus!"

Of course, every devil-ridden subject is previously warned that if you don't pay your exorcist you may be re-possessed.

BRIDGE / GEORGE LEVINREW

## The best laid plans...

Love all  
NORTH  
♠ 2876  
♥ K 854  
♦ 10  
♣ 10

LET US LOOK at today's deal — played at a Jerusalem duplicate — from the point of view of South. Had West led a spade, declarer was sure to lose four tricks, two spades, one heart and one diamond. But West made the natural lead of a club which had been bid by his partner.

South looked for a possible way to make his contract. The necessities of the East-West hands have-

ing a specific distribution which conformed to the bidding. Thus, mentally placing the opponent's cards is often essential if a contract is to be made. And so declarer imagined the East-West cards to be as in the diagram.

Declarer immediately had the chance to discard two spades, and so it was. One of the spade losers in the South hand could be ruffed in dummy. It was still necessary to trump another spade in the dummy, to trump a club likewise, and to establish the fifth club.

There were just not enough trumps to do all this. But, perchance, the play of the fourth club could cause havoc to the defence. So after winning three club tricks, the declarer won in order the heart king and ace, and then played a club.

With West holding the heart queen and trumping, South could then discard his last spade from North and subsequently trump two spades in dummy. If West should discard instead of trumping, the club could be ruffed safely and the diamond king led to the ace which East must have for his bid. Declarer could now trump one spade in dummy and make his contract.

The declarer who figured so well had only one handicap. West had the spade king and East the heart queen three times. When East won with the diamond king he of course led his last trump. And so, "the best laid plans..."

PORTION FOR PASSOVER

## The wisdom of age

IN TOMORROW'S Torah reading (Exodus 12:1-11) we read of the first Passover celebration — in Egypt — and the Jewish People's departure from Goshen towards the Red Sea.

"Go and draw" — Rabbi Yosse the Galilean said: That is what is meant by (Job 12:12): "There is wisdom in age, and long life brings understanding." Why were the elders privileged to have the Jews delivered through them? Because when the Blessed Holy One appeared to Moses at the burning bush, He told him (Exodus 3:16): "Go and assemble the elders of Israel." Moses did so, and then "the people believed" (Exodus 4:1). Thereupon the Blessed Holy One said: I will reward the elders for having inspired the Jews to trust in Me. When Moses told them (Exodus 3:13): "...the God of your fathers has sent me to you" — if the elders had not believed Moses, all the rest of Jewry would not have believed him, either.

"GO AND DRAW, and take lambs" — This is what is meant by (Proverbs 10:11): "Honest scales and balances are God's concern." We find that Moses and Samuel are regarded as equal, as said (Psalms 99:6): "Moses and Aaron among His priests, and Samuel among those who call on His Name." Yet see the difference between Moses and Samuel. Moses came to the Blessed Holy One to hear His word, but the Blessed Holy One came to Samuel, as said (1 Samuel 3:10): "God came and stood there." Why? The Blessed Holy One said: Moses would sit, and people seeking justice had to come to him, as said (Exodus 18:13): "Moses took his seat to settle disputes among the people." But Samuel would make the rounds of the towns and villages, to spare the people the trouble of having to come to him, as said (1 Samuel 7:16): "...and every year (he) went on circuit... and dispensed justice at all these places" (Mekhilta Derabbi Yishmael, Bo, 11; Shmot Rabbah 2, 1, 4).

IN TOMORROW'S HAFARA (Joshua 5:7-9; 5:2-6:1, 27) we read how the Jews celebrated the first Passover in Eretz Yisrael, at Gilgal.

M.K.

MUSIC / BENJAMIN BAR-AM

## The great Rubinstein

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Special concert, Zubin Mehta, conducting: Arthur Schnitzler, piano (Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium, April 10). Brahms: Symphony No. 1; Piano concerto No. 1.

IT WAS CERTAINLY no coincidence that Mehta chose Brahms' Symphony No. 1 to open this special concert with Maestro Arthur Rubinstein as soloist, which was followed by the Weizmann Institute's conferment of an honorary doctorate on the doyen of musicians.

Brahms' monumental work epitomizes, as had Beethoven's "Fifth" a few decades earlier, man's heroic struggle and triumphal victory. Arthur Rubinstein has for long been a living symbol of spiritual greatness, human steadfastness and freedom of the individual. It was doubtless these profound universal aspects which inspired conductor Mehta to choose the Brahms symphony and reach unexcelled heights of beauty and perfection in

its performance. Approaching the music, so to speak, from within, he elicited a powerfully committed response from the orchestra. Strings, woodwinds and brass were at their most accomplished.

Then came the electrifying moment, when the almost 90-year-old master sat down at the keyboard to start his concerto, Brahms' Piano Concerto No. One, one of the most demanding, most dramatic, most powerful concertos ever composed. At such a moment, criticism, in its ordinary sense, is no longer applicable or relevant. Who are we, simple human beings, to judge this extraordinary phenomenon? Words can hardly describe the greatness of the experience, the feeling of exaltation and admiration that prevailed among us all. Happy were those who witnessed the miracle and lived through unforgettable moments, bestowed upon us by one of the human legends of our century.

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# TRAVELS WITH DIALYSIS

By ERNIE MEYER / Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE 394 CASES of kidney disease sufferers in Israel kept alive by dialysis treatment suddenly increased to 407 recently. The increase was an entirely welcome one, however; it was caused by the visit of 13 dialysis patients from Holland. The two-week visit marked quite a departure for dialysis patients. Their earlier trips were mostly to less distant destinations or restricted to the three or four days between treatments when they could venture away from their hospital base or from the treatment unit in their own home.

The 13 patients ranged in age from a boy of 18 to a woman of 69, a retired nurse herself. The average age of the adults was about 60. All the patients were accompanied either by their spouses or by a close friend. A second group was due to arrive this week.

The trip was organized by the Dutch Kidney Foundation, through the Israel-Holland Friendship League, the Dutch embassy and the Israel Organization for Kidney Transplants and Dialysis, headed by Yitzhak Man.

The visitors were accompanied by a doctor and two nurses. At home in Holland most of them have their dialysis two or three times a week at a hospital. Only one woman does her dialysis at home.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON the visitors were welcomed at City Hall by Mayor Teddy Kollek. Seated in the chairs of the 31 city councillors they heard Mr. Kollek tell them how deeply moved he was by their effort to come all the way to Israel from Holland. "If the experiment succeeds, I hope yours will be followed by other Dutch groups and also by groups from Denmark, which have

already made enquiries," he said. Dr. Menahem Lender, director of hospitalization services in the Health Ministry, who was also on hand to welcome the visitors, said that only 19 of Israel's 394 dialysis patients have their dialysis at home. He said that the importance of the Dutch visit was to demonstrate that patients can overcome their inhibitions to leave their home town hospitals to travel abroad.

The Ministry three years ago set up a central registry of all kidney disease sufferers who may eventually need dialysis. Home treatment is much favoured because it releases hospital beds and relieves nursing staff. But home units are expensive — about IL32,000 — which does not include the special installations for water and electricity supply needed.



In 1973 Prof. Willem J. Kolff received Israel's Harvey Prize for his artificial kidney invention. (K. Weiss)

Moreover, training a member of the family to sterilize the equipment and to supervise the process takes many months.

In Holland the Kidney Foundation offers a colour TV set to every patient who agrees to make arrangements for home dialysis, thus relieving the pressure on hospitals. Since patients remain hooked up to the machine six to eight hours each session, the colour TV is quite an inducement for them.

THE ARTIFICIAL KIDNEY used in dialysis (Greek for: rinsing, flushing) was invented by Prof. Willem J. Kolff in war-time Holland. Prof. Kolff, now at the University of Utah, was in Israel in 1972 to receive the Harvey Prize for this invention and for his more recent work on an artificial heart.

Briefly, the dialysis process goes like this. The patient has a large needle inserted in an artery in his arm, carrying blood from his heart. The blood is sucked by a pump through the artificial kidney, a plastic cylinder about the size of a rolled-up newspaper which contains many thousands of filtering fibres. The cylinder is also hooked up to a flow of water. As the patient's blood passes through the artificial kidney, the impurities in it which are normally removed by the healthy kidney, pass into the water by osmosis and are thus eliminated.

The cleansed blood emerges from the plastic cylinder and is channelled through a plastic tube back into a vein in the patient's arm. During the six to eight hours of dialysis the patient's entire blood supply is thus cycled through the machine, ready-

ing him for another two to four days of normal life.

WHILE SOME of the patients did their dialysis at the Eyal Hotel in downtown Jerusalem, where they were staying, most went to the Ziv Hospital branch of Hadassah, where arrangements for their dialysis had been made beforehand. All the visitors, however, were full of praise for the devoted service of the Eyal Hotel staff.

Mrs. Dorit Lillienstern, a registered nurse who works at the Israel embassy in the Hague now, was the unofficial liaison officer and shepherd of the visitors. She looks after a kidney patient in her home in Holland and she described some of the hardships both the patients and their attendants are liable to. While the dialysis machine is clearly a life-saver for the patient, there may well be times when he may be tired of the eternal process of placing his skin to shuck his blood through the machine, the perpetual watch against infection, the strict dieting and the restrictions on his intake of fluids.

Since defective kidneys do not regenerate, the alternative to lifelong dialysis is the implantation of a healthy kidney. While this operation is now routinely performed at most hospitals, the difficulty is the shortage of a supply of healthy kidneys. Most kidneys come from accident victims and people who have bequeathed their organs for that purpose. Implanted kidneys, however, are usually rejected by the body after two to six years.

Last year 25 patients had kidneys implanted in this country. Since the beginning of this year, there have already been eight such operations. Many elderly patients or those with heart disease, however, are not candidates for implantation and dialysis remains their link to life.



One of the 40-strong cast of the South African hit musical "Tpi Tombi," which will be staged in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa for three weeks in August. "Tpi Tombi" (literally: Where are the Girls?) has proved to be one of South Africa's top export items since it opened in Johannesburg in 1974; it has had great success in France, Germany and Japan and is now on in London. The story is of a boy who leaves his village for the bright city lights and for streets paved with gold. In good tradition, after many adventures, he eventually returns home, disappointed with town life, and happy in his village, writes Catherine Rosenheimer.

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**This Week**

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Bergame Pocket Theatre (Italy) presents "Love Begins": a colourful and fascinating play based on a Renaissance story. A summary of the play in English and Hebrew is given in the programme.

Saturday, April 17, 9.00 p.m. at the Jerusalem Theatre  
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Sunday, April 18, 8.30 p.m. at the Jerusalem Theatre  
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Monday, April 19, 8.30 p.m. at the Jerusalem Theatre  
Eljah, Oratorio by Mendelssohn, Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra

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Any group in Israel desiring to participate in these performances should apply to Mr. Eyal Ben-Zur, Director of Special Events, Department of Culture, Jerusalem Municipality, 2 Rehov Hayel Adam, or contact Tel. 02-282211.

Various outdoor performances will be given in Jerusalem during the spring. Details on notice boards.

Tickets at the Jerusalem Theatre (Tel. 02-27187) 4-6 p.m., at Cabana and Ben-Naim, and at the box office before the performance.

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## Brian Arthur writes about an author who didn't mean to be anti-Semitic

### German storm over the 'rich-Jew play'

BONN. — The controversy in West Germany over Rainer Werner Fassbinder's newest stage play, which has been criticized as "anti-Semitic," is continuing unabated.

The successful young German dramatist has in the meantime denied that he or his play, "Der Müll, die Stadt und der Tod" (Rubbish, the City and Death) is anti-Jewish.

The text of the play, which has never been publicly performed, was published in a paperback edition earlier this year by Suhrkamp of Frankfurt, but the firm suspended distribution of the work last month after the uproar over its contents.

The play deals with a prostitute and her relations with a Jewish real-estate dealer referred to simply as "the rich Jew." The background of the story is Frankfurt, where Jewish and other property speculators have been denounced by Leftist groups for "destroying" older residential districts to make way for expensive apartment and office space.

Fassbinder's "rich Jew" is such a speculator, described by the author as ruthless and corrupt, an unpalatable figure who fits in with many anti-Semitic clichés.

The author has said he is only criticizing the "conditions" which make run-away land speculation possible, causing social hardship and "transforming the city to the disadvantage of the people living in it."

His rich Jew "did not create these conditions nor is he responsible for them," the author argues, but was forced to speculate with property much as his 18th century ancestors were forced by a hostile society to resort to money-lending as a means of survival.

Mr. Fassbinder adds that the figures in his play, such as an ex-Nazi, who voice anti-Semitic sentiments, have nothing to do with his own personal views.

MOST West German literary critics have concluded that Mr. Fassbinder is probably not intentionally anti-Semitic, but that in depicting the "rich Jew" he failed to show the responsibility demanded of a writer in a country where millions of Jews were murdered under Hitler.

In Frankfurt, however, Ignaz Lipinski, leader of the city's 5,000 Jewish citizens, expressed disapproval in Mr. Fassbinder's denial. Lipinski voiced anger that an "anti-Semitic play could be written in this country 31 years after the barbaric massacre of Jews by the Nazis. Fassbinder claims he is not anti-Semitic, but if that were true, how could he write

such a play?" Mr. Lipinski asked.

Elsewhere in West Germany's 30,000-member Jewish community the reaction has been perhaps more restrained, but no less concerned.

Heinz Gallinski, West Berlin's prominent Jewish spokesman, said that Fassbinder's criticism of property speculation might even have been a useful contribution to the discussion had he not chosen to label his land merchant "the rich Jew." It is not customary to link the wrongdoings of a Catholic or Protestant with his religion and there is no reason to depart from this rule in the case of Jews, Mr. Gallinski explained.

Munich Jewish leader Dr. Hans Lamm, writing in last week's *Allgemeine Zeitung der Juden*, the organ of West German Jewry, meanwhile strongly criticized Suhrkamp's decision to take the book off the market. He called the move an act of "de-facto censorship" which not only prevented German readers from judging the play for themselves, but made it possible for radical rightists to claim falsely that "World Jewry" was behind the decision.

Mr. Fassbinder, 30, an author-director with numerous film and stage works to his credit, grew up in the post-war era with no personal memories of the Nazi atrocities against the Jews. The fact that he has written so radically about Jews is in itself a striking development in modern German literature.

Fassbinder's play is itself based on a novel by Gerhard Zwerenz, "Die Erde ist unbewohnbar wie der Mond" (The earth is as unlivable as the Moon), which also centres on a Jewish real-estate dealer in Frankfurt named "Abraham." Zwerenz's novel also elicited considerable criticism when it appeared three years ago.

That Frankfurt has played such a role in the emergence of "bad" Jews in postwar German literature has to do with the city's hectic economic growth, the youthful anti-establishment rebellion of the late sixties, and the wide-spread belief that Jews dominate the city's building market. Conflict in the city between Leftist demonstrators and real-estate speculators has occurred repeatedly over the years, with Leftists forcibly occupying old residential buildings due to be torn down, and clashing with police.

Jewish building owners have frequently been the targets of these demonstrations, although according to Ignaz Lipinski they account for "at the most 20 percent" of the property dealers in the city.

## Pessah for the Florida needy

MIAMI BEACH, Florida. — Some 1,200 elderly Jewish retirees, many of them poor and alone, will celebrate the traditional Pessah feast with company and 3,500 other meals will be delivered to the needy in a programme organized by a federation of welfare agencies.

"We couldn't enjoy our own seder completely knowing that so many good people are unable to afford even the basic Pessah foods," said Morris Fox, who is in charge of sending the 3,500 meals to nursing homes, homes for the retarded, the Dade County jail, hospitals and the homes of shut-ins.

The week-long holiday essentially is a family celebration, but the families of many of this area's thousands of elderly Jews remained up north. So the federation selected six sites for free seders, which began several years ago on a small scale, but which have grown ever since.

Harry B. Smith, president of the federation, said the operation is serves to renew Jewish traditions. "This is one way we fulfill the ancient Jewish tradition of 'Let all who are hungry come and eat' and 'Let all who are in need come and celebrate Pessah,'" Smith said. (AF)

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Indeed, the latter is especially significant in that this Mitzva is connected with, and conducive, to, all the Tora and Mitzvos, as our Sages explain in their commentary on the phrase, *Ner Mitzva Ve-Tora Or* — "A Mitzva is a Candle and Tora is Light."

In view of the above, all who are active in the Candle Lighting Campaign, both men and women, will surely redouble their efforts and make the utmost endeavour in this activity in connection with the forthcoming Shabbos Hagadol

And likewise, of course, in connection with the Yom Tov following it.

And may G-d brighten the mazal of each and all participants, and bestow His blessings on them, their families, and parents, in all their needs.

Including the particularly timely blessing — to be shared by all our people for a Kosher and Joyous Pessah.

With prayerful wishes for much Hatzlacha in all above.

With blessing for a Kosher and Joyous Pessah  
(Signed) Menachem Schneerson





A TINY BABY, abandoned by its mother, lay dangerously ill at a Jerusalem hospital. Its stomach could take no cow's milk or any other substitute. As it lost weight, the doctors grew worried and searched for a source of the only food it could absorb — mother's milk. But Israel has no "milk bank" as many other countries have and no wet-nurse could be found either.

It was then that a group of Jerusalem mothers rallied round. First, they went round to new mothers, busy feeding their brand new babies at the hospital, and asking for a little milk to be pumped off for the sick child.

Finally, one of the women in the group, realizing that new mothers need the milk for their own children, got together some women already at home with their babies, in the Kiryat Matar area, who had established a breast-feeding routine, and took milk from them. Together, they saved the baby's life. Now, they are helping to feed another sick baby.

These are two of the achievements of women in the Jerusalem area who are trying to encourage breast-feeding in hospitals and mother-and-baby clinics. So far, the group has not even found time to find themselves a name.

A year-old this Pesach, the group consists of eight to ten women, all mothers who breastfeed their own children, and were concerned at the way many Israeli mothers appear to be given up the most natural act in the world. They approached Shaarei Zedek hospital and asked if the administration would mind if they came in at feeding times, to help new mothers with any difficulties.

Now, one member of the group appears at the hospital each day for the 10 a.m. feed, ready to answer any questions the new mothers have. "Some of the women don't even know how to sit comfortably when feeding the baby; how to hold him properly," Gila Fuss, the group's leader, told me. One or two other



## THE BREAST IS BEST

By JOANNA YEHIEL

women prefer to go to the hospital for the evening feed. But the actual time given by each member is only about two hours a week — very little in terms of future healthy babies.

Then the head of Jerusalem's Tzfat Biala clinics asked for help, requesting the group to send its members to every clinic in the Capital, to help with questions on feeding. "We just haven't enough members yet, so we have only begun

this in each member's local clinic," Mrs. Fuss said.

Here, it is more difficult to approach the mothers. After all, one can't simply ask "Are you breast feeding?"

So in the clinics, the group member begins by chatting with a

mother who has a baby with her, asking how old it is, how much it weighed — all the questions a new mother is proud to answer. Then she is gently led into talking about feeding and how she is going about it.

Most mothers, if they do decide to breast-feed, give up after a few weeks, saying "I don't have enough milk." "We try to catch them before this point, and show them what to do to increase the supply."

The group now wants to begin meetings for pregnant women at the clinics, so that they start breast-feeding as soon as the baby is born, knowing all about it, and not fearing it.

The group's other aim is to establish a milk bank in this country, in conjunction with one of the hospitals.

Anyone who is interested in helping other mothers breast-feed — or has problems in feeding and would like advice — can get in touch either with Gila Fuss at 02-63490, or with Paula Edelstein, 02-335863.

THE ISRAELI affiliate of La Leche League, which aims at promoting breast-feeding all over the world, is now about 18 months old, and there are groups in Haifa, Pardess Hanna, Rehovot, and one which is about to restart after a period of somnolence in Tel Aviv.

The Haifa group, the most flourishing, holds meetings at members' homes, to help new mothers and exchange stories about nursing. Members also visit mother-and-child clinics and help at Ramat Hashikma Hospital with new mothers. In common with all the groups, it also holds informal lectures, primarily a series of four — on the advantages of breast-feeding to mother and baby; the art of breast-feeding and overcoming difficulties; the family and the breast-fed baby; and nutrition and weaning.

"We don't teach — a woman doesn't have to be taught" how to nurse — it's a natural act. She really needs encouragement and support from other women," Jane Abramowitz, leader of the new group in Pardess Hanna, stressed.

Further information or advice on starting a group in your own area can be got from the group leaders: Haifa: Alice Ziring — 04-780754. Rehovot: Ellen Zelenko — 08-95038. Pardess Hanna: Jane Abramowitz — 063-79583. Tel Aviv: Claudia Bernard — 03-411440.

value of the Talmud and how its authors reason. Israelis are depicted marching through the Judean Hills on their yearly Jerusalem March, raising glasses of wine at a Hasidic wedding, weeping on Holocaust Memorial Day and making merry on Purim.

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The monthly films, giving a bird's-eye-view of Israel, might also find enthusiastic audiences among new and potential immigrants as well as in the enlightened Christian world at large.



Abba Eban wired for sound as Yehiel Hershkovitz, left, looks on.

## ISRAEL THROUGH A LENS

By JUDY SIEGEL

seeming amateurishness of Israel's information effort, Roe set up TRC Productions to produce the country's first monthly newscast.

He found the best local talent — cameramen, announcers, technicians and film editors — and hired them on a free-lance basis. "The problem," he notes, "was not finding interesting subjects (a careful reading of The Jerusalem Post was one source) but pinpointing a few subjects and doing them justice in each 20-minute film." The

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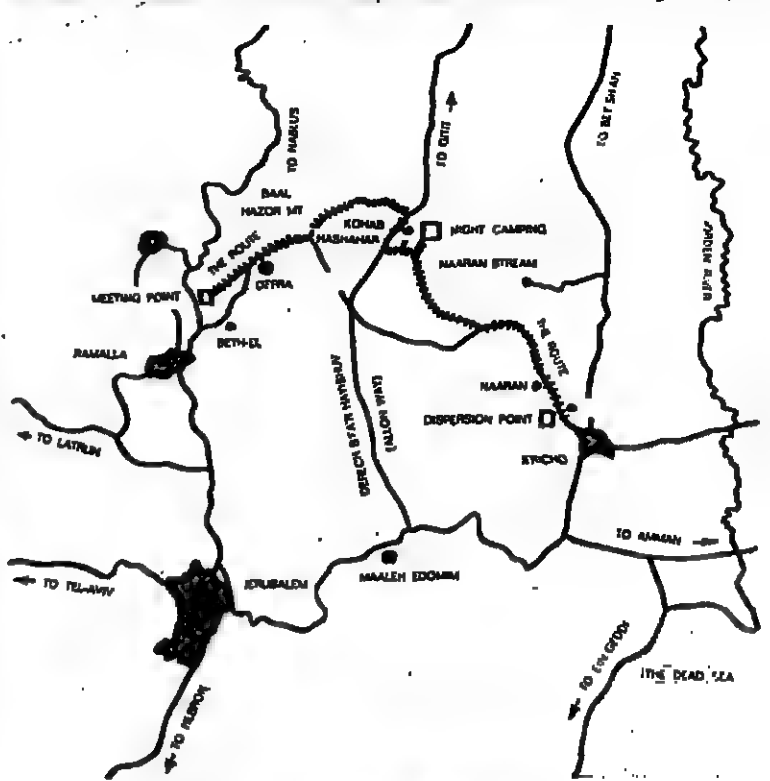
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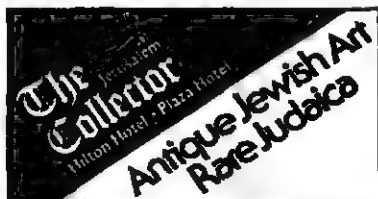
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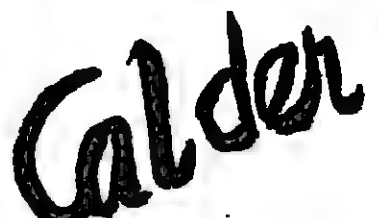
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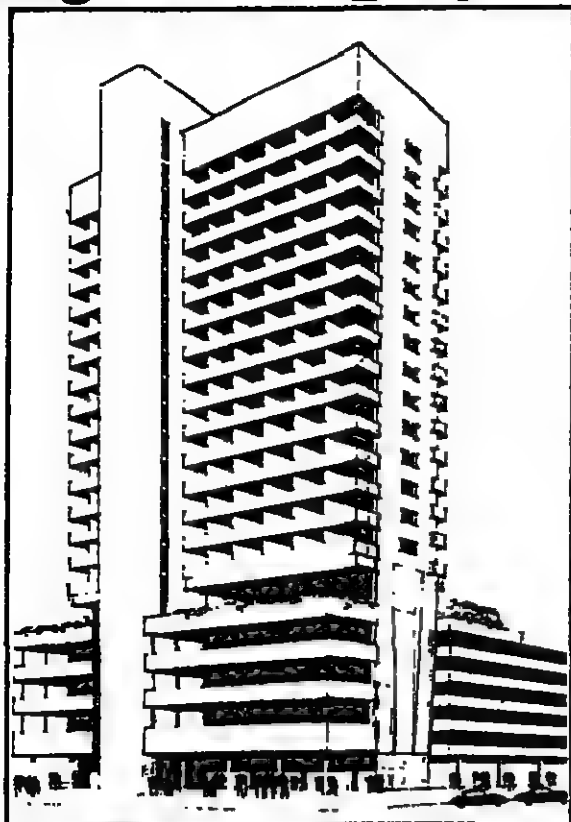




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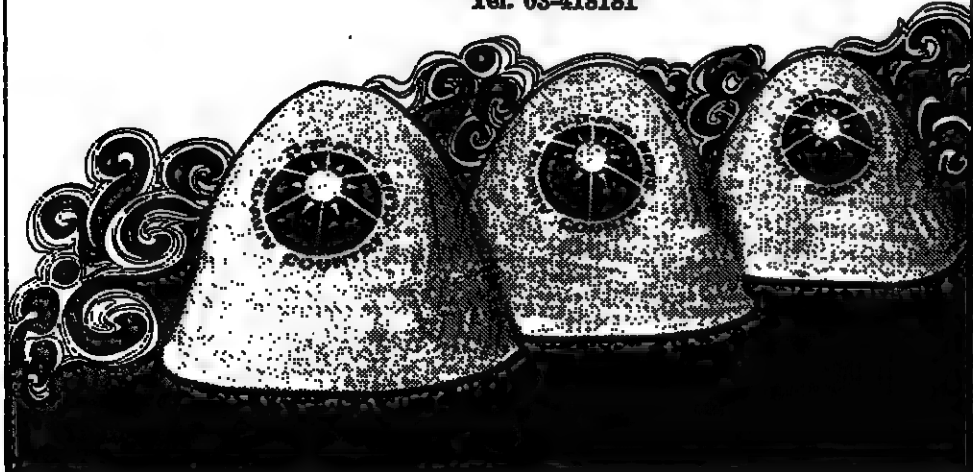
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Thursday, April 22, 8.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV, Ohel Shem

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HAIFA, Ora, Friday, April 23, 8.45 p.m.

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Details: Tel. 03-328620, 30644, 261401, 30188  
Bayit Vegan — Rehov Haplega, pool plaza.  
Beit Shmesh — from Local Council plaza, via settlements in area.  
Tel Aviv and Central District Departures from 7.00 a.m. onwards.  
Details (Tel.)  
Tel Aviv — from Mann Auditorium plaza 03-455939, 454413  
Ramat Gan 1. Rehov Hagalil, near 03-783201  
Magen David Adom Station  
2. 32 Rehov Herzog 03-733143  
3. Gush Emunim Offices, 75 Rehov Herzl, 03-783240  
Ramat Gan 03-876161  
4. Entrance to Bar-Ilan University 03-701766  
Holon — Kikar Struma, Rehov Hatzfira 780411  
Emet Brak, Beit Bamberg, 7 Rehov Yehuda Halevi 03-863168  
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Beit Yam 1. Rehov Herzl, corner Rehov Ha'atzma'ut 03-863168  
2. Commercial Centre, Ramat Yosef 03-874547  
Petah Tikva — Town Hall plaza  
Ra'anana, 173 Rehov Ahuza 052-91772  
052-33083  
Rishon LeZion — from Tiferet Cinema  
Herzliya — near David Cinema 03-984160  
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Kfar Sava — near Memorial Garden, opposite Egged  
Bus Station 052-85314  
Netanya — Ohel Shem plaza (near Police Station) 052-33083  
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Kiryat Ono, Kiryat Ramat Han — entrance to  
Bar-Ilan University 03-783240  
Rehovot — Egged Bus Station, platform 20 03-850477  
Ramat — from Railway Station  
Haifa and Northern District Details (March Headquarters) 04-87271

Assembly at 6.30 a.m.  
For private vehicles, 7.00 a.m. at the Paz Petrol Station,  
Nazareth road, 150 m. from the Checkpost, towards Yagur.  
Haifa — Central Synagogue, Rehov Herzl 04-664714  
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Kiryat Bnei Menashe — near Great Synagogue, Kiryat Motzkin 04-719828  
Kiryat Ata — near Kupat Holim, Rehov Pinsker 04-728286  
Kfar Hassidim — from centre of village 04-952308  
Kiryat Eliezer — Central Synagogue, Rehov Tel Aviv 04-627388  
Kiryat Shmuna — near Sfar Cinema at 8.00 a.m.

Tiberias — near Central Post Office at 7.30 a.m.  
Afeka — near National Insurance Institute offices  
(adjacent to Egged Bus Station) at 8.00 a.m. 065-22124  
Acre — near United Mizrahi Bank, Rehov Yehoshafat  
Ben Ami 04-910586  
Nabatieya — 77 Rehov Herzl 04-920733  
Hadera — from the Town Hall plaza 063-252316  
Migdal Ha'emek/Bar-Ilan — Shimon 065-400477

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6. Assembly of all buses at Railway Station at 7.45 a.m.  
Ashdod — Beit Rogozin 055-21487  
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Dimona — registration at Kol-Sport Shop, Building Gimel  
Departure at 7.00 a.m. from this shop.  
Netivot — registration: Meir Shorah Tarbelsi Delicatessen 057-94223  
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Departure at 7.00 a.m. from the Culture,  
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Departure at 7.00 a.m. from the swimming pool.  
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Ashkelon — pick-up point near Law Court at 7.40 a.m.  
Registration: Arye Dror, 35/2 Rehov Malchei Yisrael 051-23583  
Beit-Sheva Kagan, 201 Rehov Givati 051-27441  
Haina Schwartz, 55/18 Atikot Alef 051-35440

General Instructions  
Transport, to and from the entertainment programme at the overnight  
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1. You may bring your car to the Beit El staging area — the car park  
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2. At the end of the March on the first day, car owners will be transported  
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3. At the end of the second day, transport will be provided from Jericho  
to the Kochav HaShahar car park.  
4. Those participating in the second day of the March, and those coming  
to the entertainment programme at the overnight camp will arrive in  
their own vehicles. The access route is as follows: Jerusalem, Beit El,  
Ofra, Ra'ban, and via the border road (marked by signs) to the  
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Private vehicles will be allowed entry until 5.00 p.m. only.

Dispersal on Monday, April 19, 1976  
1. Dispersal will be at Jericho between 10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.  
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3. Tickets will be sold at the dispersal point. Please follow signs indicating  
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## West Bank's new leaders

THE MUNICIPAL elections held in the West Bank on Monday were fair, quiet and orderly. The ballot was secret and untainted by pressures. The franchise was far wider than under the Jordanians — both women and people without property were included this time — and voter turnout was exceedingly high. A freer election could hardly have been held in any Arab country today.

Yet the results were a clean sweep for the young radicals who ran not on platforms of good local government but under nationalist slogans. The overwhelming majority of voters, especially in the larger cities, chose those candidates who most clearly carried the label of opposition to Israeli rule.

This should of course have been expected. For it was the very encounter with Israel's modern society, starting nine years ago, that has set in motion the social transformation of the West Bank which this week expressed itself in the rise to elected office of a younger, educated class, and the near demise of the traditional leadership.

It could not have escaped the Israeli authorities that by having the elections at this time, and with a greatly enlarged electorate, they were actively helping to accelerate that process. What they quite evidently failed to realize was that some of their response to the riots and demonstrations that accompanied the election campaign — such as the abrupt expulsion of two younger prospective candidates — was also working to undermine the power of the "moderates" and to build up the image of the "extremists."

In any case, the Arab voters have now had their say and Israel will have to accept their verdict as binding. The real question is how the new West Bank municipal leaders will interpret their mandate from the people.

There can be little doubt that they will not view themselves merely as city administrators, empowered to assure a supply of clean water and the collection of garbage. But neither must it be assumed that the victorious "nationalist bloc" is simply a political instrument of Yasser Arafat. This strange assortment of radicals, Communists, Ba'athists, PLO backers and independent intellectuals, is shaping up as a fairly independent force in West Bank affairs. And that its precisely the PLO's undisguised fear.

The new municipal councillors will obviously be tested not by the slogans which carried them into office but by their conduct in office. They are not necessarily all opponents of King Hussein, for example, nor will they lightly part with Hashemite financial assistance: this has been true of some known pro-PLO mayors in the West Bank before. By the same token, they need not all be averse to constructive cooperation with the Israeli authorities; they must realize that the alternative is rule by the military and a waste of the electoral process.

The Israeli authorities for their part must not treat the new local leaders as potential enemies but as partners to a new dialogue. This could be problematic and may not solve the underlying political issues. But in the long run it could also prove to be indispensable to a peaceful settlement.

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That is why the Passover Haggadah, quoting the Talmud, tells us that "Every person in every generation is to see himself as having personally come out of Egypt." Where indeed is the generation of Jews, even those at home here in Eretz Yisrael, that has not personally experienced the "Egyptian bondage" in one or more of its many physical, political, and psychological forms, and that has not personally had the opportunity to hope or struggle for liberation?

Our paradigmatic Passover deliverance, it is also worth pointing out, did not come about in a magical way, as one might infer from a simplistic reading of the terse Biblical account. The Talmudic Sages were astute enough to realize that not even after Moses raised his staff did the Red Sea waters automatically part and the Jews pass triumphantly. On the contrary, they were too terrified to move, according to the Sages, and the waters did not part, until Nahshon of the tribe of Judah leaped into the raging sea and showed the people the way. In our own generation in this country, too, it may take a few bold Nahshons to show the way, by personal example, to the nation's freedom from dependence on other peoples' largesse.

If the rest of us can follow their lead, we may for a while have to eat, as we did when we left Egypt some 33 centuries ago, the "bread of poverty." But, in the same manner as that first matza, it will surely prove to be the most healthful bread our particular generation will have eaten, and one day — without the effort of imagination required for the traditional matza — we will celebrate it as our very own liberty-bread.

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Ya'acov Ardon examines the case of sculptor Gershon Knispel, an adviser to the Haifa municipality. There have been allegations that the job has involved certain conflicts of interest.

## Haifa art furore

IN 1964 Haifa Mayor Abba Khoushy engaged as part-time municipal art adviser Gershon Knispel, a young sculptor just back from Brazil, where he had studied the art and techniques of monumental wall decorations. Ten years later, in November 1974, Knispel was made a full-time employee.

Even before that, some artists in Haifa, particularly sculptors, had begun to have doubts about the compatibility of Knispel's role as a public servant with his being a practicing artist keen on selling his work.

Yosef Almog, who was Mayor at the time, appears to have had some doubts too. A number of purchasers of homes in the Ahuma quarter had protested to the municipality that they had been forced to pay the builder for the relief art of Knispel with which their house fronts were decorated, although they had never contracted for it. On November 24, 1974, the then city engineer (now engineering adviser to the Mayor), Yosef Cohen, replied to the group of indignant citizens, at the instruction of Mayor Almog:

"As Mr. G. Knispel is now employed, as of November 1, 1974, as a full-time adviser at the municipality, it has been arranged with him that he will not undertake monumental and artistic works within the municipal area of Haifa, either for City Hall or for others."

A short time after his full-time appointment, Gershon Knispel was also named director of the municipality's "Unit for a More Beautiful Haifa" and chairman of the Public Council for a More Beautiful Haifa, a body of volunteers that includes artists, architects and others concerned with this aspect of the quality of life. In the field of art and city patronage Gershon Knispel emerged as a V.I.P.

Last year saw much progress on the city sports palace on Rehov Ruppin, an IL18 million project that has taken a rather long time to build. Haifa's art adviser held that the 200 square metres of the palace's front wall facing Rehov Ruppin cried out for decoration in the monumental style in which he is expert, and he persuaded the city fathers to appropriate IL440,000 for a suitable work of art to be chosen by a public tender.

ON NOVEMBER 16, 1975, the

municipality published tender No. 122/75 for an artistic design and execution of the front wall of the sports palace. It called for submission of bids within one month, accompanied by models on a scale of 1:10, and a cost estimate, by painters, sculptors and designers. The nine-man panel of judges included one City Council member (Shevah Weiss, Labour), three artists who are members of the Artists and Sculptors Association, three city officials, and two independent architects.

More detailed information on tender 122/75 was provided on the letterhead of the Public Council for a More Beautiful Haifa. It limited the "monumental and decorative design to the use of ceramic art, metal or stone, two or three dimensional, covering the entire area, composed of subjects symbolizing physical culture and the development of the movement." It is anyone's guess what was meant by "the movement," but there was no ambiguity in the section headed "Participation."

Participation in the competition was limited to artists who had previously worked on creations that form part of buildings. "Any person or team of city employees coming under the foregoing category may also take part provided that they are not paid for design and supervision."

Many artists of unquestioned integrity and who are familiar with the municipal landscape say that this tender seems to have been tailored to the qualifications of Gershon Knispel. They expect a sculptor to prepare a plan and model covering 20 square metres within a month was unrealistic and gave Knispel, who planned the project and the tender,

an advantage over any competitor. There were instant protests and, under pressure, the municipality extended the time limit by a fortnight (!) — to December 30. Thirteen proposals were submitted, and Gershon Knispel's proposal was chosen unanimously by the panel of judges.

A NUMBER OF ARTISTS, among them some of the unsuccessful bidders, felt they had been duped by a spurious tender. A delegation representing them discussed the issue with the Municipal Ombudsman, Ya'acov Levav. They did not put their complaint in writing, as he suggested, but he looked into the matter all the same. When they turned to the High Court, however, he suspended his investigation.

The Artists Association petitioned the High Court to issue an order nisi against the Haifa Municipality and Knispel to show cause why the tender and any action based on it should not be cancelled. The court dismissed the petition on the grounds that the petitioners should have challenged the tender before the panel announced its choice. The court also went to some pains to point out that all the entries were anonymous. This was true in a formal sense, of course, but every artist has his own, usually identifiable, style.

Under the law a municipality is within its rights when it allows an employee to engage in outside work of a scientific, artistic or literary nature, and even in work for the municipality if it is not remunerated. But the legal aspect is hardly decisive here, although any artist who put in a bid for the sports palace tender would probably win a suit against the city for a refund of his expenses. For in view of the city engineer's letter of November 1974, he would have had every right to assume that Knispel was not in the running. Another questionable aspect is the obvious advantage enjoyed by Knispel as the official involved in drafting the tender. But integrity loses conviction by such considerations as a City Hall assurance that the full-time art adviser would not engage in monumental work for the municipality, and City Hall's contempt for that promise only a year later.

### READERS' LETTERS

#### THOUGHTS ON LAND EXPROPRIATION IN ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — While The Jerusalem Post is to be commended for its comprehensive and fair reporting of the Israel Arabs' grievances and actions over the proposed land expropriations in Galilee, I am nevertheless sufficiently disturbed by these events to bring to your attention the following facts which have a direct bearing on recent events, but which seem to have been overlooked and overshadowed by the political attitudes of various people.

Although the price of a dunam of building land hovers around IL500,000 in Herzliya-Pituah, and owners of agricultural lands in Atlit are asking between IL25,000 and IL35,000 a dunam near building areas, nevertheless, the Israel Lands Administration has offered in the past pitiful compensation to owners of expropriated lands. If my information is correct, as little as IL200 a dunam was offered on the new Shfar'am-Nazareth Road.

Lands offered in exchange sometimes were the former property of relatives, neighbours or friends

who became refugees in 1948-1949 and therefore were morally unacceptable to those being offered the land.

Anyone familiar with land problems in Israel can attest to the difficulties of land problems. Orders of succession in respect of land have in many cases not been issued for generations, many lands are still in settlement proceedings and because of Ottoman taxation practices, mukhtars of villages frequently understated the areas of their villages and their population. However, this was frequently tempered with mercy during the Palestine Mandate by district officers who overlooked unauthorized use of government land.

It is also puzzling how the government of Israel intends to overcome the provisions of Article 185(2) of the Building and Planning Law-1965 which require, inter alia, that the person from whom the land is expropriated or his successor should be given written notice that he may repurchase the land within 30 days at a price not exceeding the price at which it was acquired from him plus

the amount of any appreciation thereof resulting from the scheme which changed the designation of the category of the land.

In a democratic society, the solution should come from parliament and the government in power, but the bureaucratic and financial aspects of the problem of land expropriation should be given greater attention by people in power lest we have further troubles and bloodshed in this troubled land.

DR. HABEES A. KHAYAT  
Haifa.

#### MAY DAY IDEA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In view of our economic situation, I should like to suggest that we transform May 1st from a workers' holiday into a highly productive national work day, with all regular and voluntary workers manning their posts and — for those who wish to make a special contribution — overtime work without extra pay, and, of course, no strikes or go-slows.

Haifa. L. PINTER

## Is Egypt sick of its Arab connection?

Recent speculation has it that Egypt may be on the verge of turning its back on the Arab cause. Nissim Rejwan discusses prevalent moods in Cairo and the apparent objectives of the government there.

IN REPLY to a leading article in the London "Times" on February 24 apropos of President Sadat's tour of five states in the Arab Peninsula, the Egyptian Ambassador in London took time to write a letter to the Editor. In his letter (printed on March 3) the Ambassador, Mohammed Samih Anwar, comments among other things on a reference made by the paper to the opinion expressed in the Egyptian press to the effect that "it is high time (Egypt) looked after herself."

The main point at issue was Egypt's Arab affiliation, and the Ambassador's response is of considerable interest. Such opinions, he asserts, "are part of the atmosphere of dialogue and openness that characterizes a quest towards establishing a more democratic political system." He added that there were other opinions being expressed in Egypt in the same context and "should I remind you of the dialogue in Britain concerning EEC membership?"

On the question of Egypt's Arab connection some sort of free dialogue has in fact been taking place in the Egyptian press for some time now. (The right term is of course "debate," but the Egyptians have this almost mystic preference for "dialogue" and "open dialogue.") It seems, however, that in private conversations Egyptians are somewhat more candid than they tend to be in print. A well-known Lebanese correspondent, Nasseh al-Taghlabi, of the Beirut weekly "Al Hawadith," recently gave his readers a glimpse of what is being said on this subject by thinking Egyptians in the privacy of their parlours and exclusive clubs.

#### Unambiguous stance

The official posture which President Sadat's regime has taken right from the start on Egypt's cultural-historical affiliation is fairly unambiguous. Indeed the attitude has been basically the same as that adopted by the Nasser Government, though of course with far less noise, assertiveness, and agitation. In essence, it is that Egypt is an integral part of the Arab world and shares the same destiny. In both historical and geographical terms, it is argued, Egypt's fortunes and national security are closely linked to that of other Arab countries.

To allegations that Egypt was sacrificing her own interests for the wider Arab cause, the regime's spokesmen have always replied that since Egypt's destiny is inexorably linked to that of the Arab world, it is only natural that Cairo should seek to establish political and economic bridges with fellow Arab countries. Critics, moreover, are reminded that we are living in times when interdependence has become the cornerstone of international relations.

DESPITE DIFFERENCES in emphasis, not even the severest critics of Sadat's Arab policy disagree with these general premises in any fundamental sense. Taghlabi, however, chose to be rather sensational. "The Egyptian Mind is Fed Up with Arabism," is the shrieking title of his report — and its theme is Egypt's impoverishment and the Arabs' failure to come to its rescue. Despite the sensationalism, however, Taghlabi's report manages

to depict a fairly coherent picture not only of prevalent moods and opinions but also of the object state of affairs. The participants in the discussion reported on Taghlabi — three journalists, businessmen, three senior government officials, three Arabs reside in Cairo and two artists — have basic quarrel with the official stance. But their general tone sharper and they are all far more candid.

Egyptians generally are bit about the failure of the oil-rich states to do "even as the U.S. has been doing for Israel" to help Egypt out of her economic quandary. Commenting on this, one of the Arabs present expressed the view that the Arab states had more or less done their duty by Egypt. If the furnished was not enough some the blame must be placed at the feet of the Egyptians themselves who have failed to draw up reliable estimates of their economic needs.

The depth of the Egyptians' disillusionment with the oil-rich states is illustrated by the rep this innocuous remark provoked. One of the Egyptian journalists sent retorted that Egypt, by starting the Yom Kippur War, had not immeasurably improved the Arab political-military standing but the was thanks to that war that prices and importance of oil risen so steeply. The unnamed Arab citizen's rejoinder that, on the hand, the October war would have brought so many political gains had the oil-producing Arab count not imposed an embargo was left unanswered.

#### Purely political


Inevitably, the discussion assumed a purely political character, concerned largely with the question whether Egypt waged all of her four wars in Israel strictly "on the Arab behalf." At this point some scathing things were said about Nasser's adventures in Syria, Yemen and the ideological squabbles he engaged in with other Arab countries — all plainly not the general Arab interest.

Faced with such arguments advanced mostly by the non-Egypt but backed, interestingly enough, the Egyptian businessman — Egyptian participants were put the defensive. Even if Egypt sinned, they argued, the Arabs in duty bound to come to her rescue. "Egypt the largest Arab country? Wasn't it true that neither a nor victory was conceivable without her — and that she has always been in the forefront of all Arab struggles?"

And so on. On the main topic under discussion — whether Egypt getting tired of her Arab affiliation and obligations — the most interesting point was made by a Egyptian.

To suggest that the Egyptians are on the verge of disowning Arabs and Arabism," he said, "is insult to Egypt. Arabism is not identical to Egypt nor is it ideological stance... and Egypt not in reason discard her most be attributes." All the rest, suggested, including that business money and economic aid, were issues that could be settled small and amicably.

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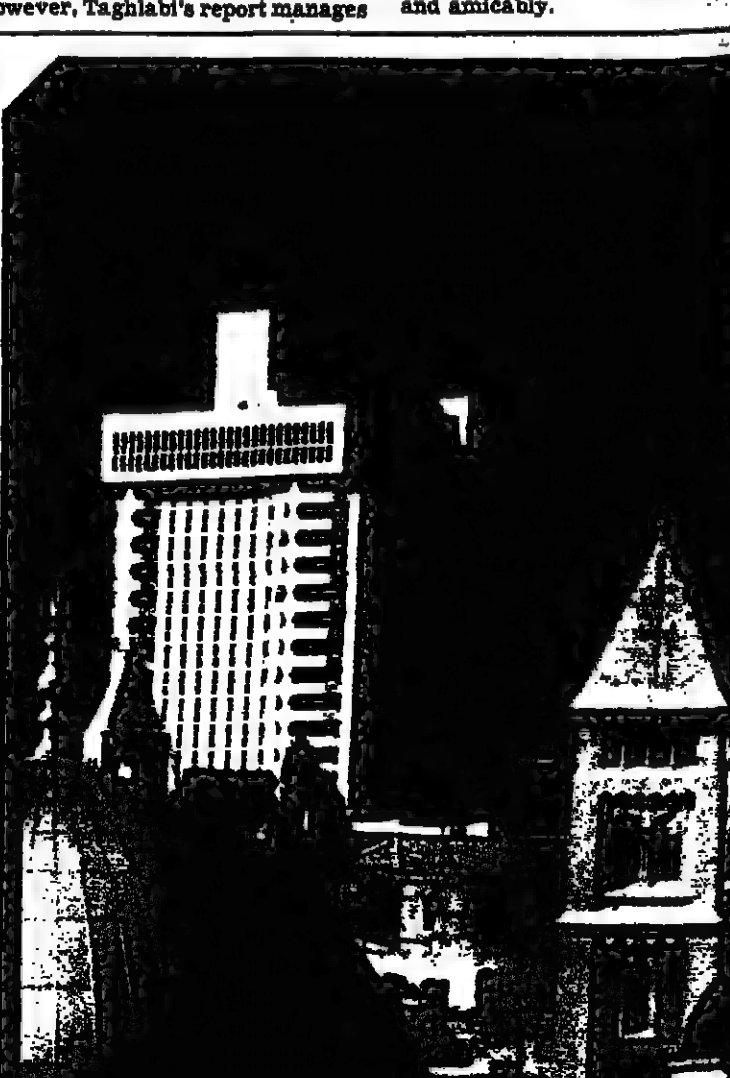


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## C-o-L index up 3.6%

April prices even higher

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter  
Prices in the first week of April were 9-10 per cent higher than in February, according to estimates prepared by the Central Bureau of Statistics. Since a 3.6 per cent increase in the cost-of-living index was noted in March, the officials said, the remainder of about 6 per cent occurred just before the Passover holiday. In absolute terms, the index rose in March by 12.8 points to stand at 363.24. (The base is the average of prices in 1969).

The main contributor to the 3.6 per cent increase in the index of consumer prices in March was the cuts in subsidies. But, in addition, a larger-than-seasonal price hike in fruits and vegetables played a part.

Food prices increased by 5.9 per cent in March, and fruits and vegetables were 9 per cent higher than in February. Fresh vegetables were 20 per cent higher, the statisticians said.

Another item that increased considerably was the cost of education, culture and leisure activities — by 3.3 per cent.

The wholesale prices of locally produced industrial products increased by 3.7 per cent. The main increases were in clothing — 20.8 per cent — and food, by 7 per cent.

The increase in prices tended to affect lower-income and large families (more than six persons) harder than the average family. The "basket of commodities" bought by such families was 10-11 per cent more expensive in the first week of April than in February.

## Dutch minister due

Netherlands Social Affairs Minister Jacob Boersma is due in Israel this afternoon for a 10 day visit as guest of the Ministries of Labour and Foreign Affairs.

## U.S., Greece reach accord on bases

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. and Greece yesterday agreed on the principles to govern future use of American military bases in the latter country just three weeks after a similar accord was concluded with Turkey.

The agreement calls for a U.S. assistance pledge of \$700m. over the life of the accord, and formalizes Greek control over all installations in Greece. These include major air, naval and communication facilities where several thousand U.S. servicemen are based.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Greek Foreign Minister Dimitrios Bittas initiated the accord after three days of negotiations. Greece had moved quickly to negotiate the agreement, mindful that implementation of the Turkish accord, providing \$1,000m. over four years, would represent a major shift in the eastern Mediterranean power balance.

As in the Turkish pact, there is no mention in the agreement with Greece of the continuing conflict between the two countries over Cyprus.



David Elazar, as Chief of Staff

(Rabiner)

## Dado Elazar dies at 51

### Ex-CoS succumbs to heart attack

DAVID ELAZAR, Chief of Staff during the Yom Kippur War, died in Tel Aviv yesterday of a heart attack. He was 51.

He was stricken while swimming at a pool near his home in Neve Aviram. He was rushed to Ichilov Hospital, where doctors failed to revive him and he was declared dead at 7 p.m.

Elazar was the Chairman of the Board of Zim shipping company. He resigned from the post of Chief of Staff after the Agranat Commission of Inquiry found him responsible for errors committed by the IDF on the eve of the Yom Kippur War.

Elazar is survived by his wife, a son who is an officer in the armored corps, and a married daughter.

Burial will take place on the Mt. Herzl military cemetery on Sunday afternoon.

For David Elazar, "Dado," the Yom Kippur War was both the brilliant peak and the bitter end of a distinguished military career. Although the Agranat Commission found him directly responsible for the IDF's failings on the eve of the war, and recommended the termination of his term of office as Chief of the General Staff, it was generally recognized that his conduct of the war itself was beyond reproach. He was widely praised for his role in turning the desperate situation of October 6 into the IDF's brilliant victory three weeks later.

Elazar himself never became reconciled to the Agranat Commission's findings. In his letter of resignation after the Commission issued its interim report in April 1974, he declared that he was convinced he had been the victim of an injustice. He said the Commission

had been led astray by confounding the definition of authorities of the Defence Minister and the Chief of Staff. He said that the Defence Minister (then Moshe Dayan) had full operative authority and that all operative plans and decisions had been brought to him before the war. It was only when fighting was actually in process that matters were entirely in the hands of the Chief of Staff, he wrote.

The Commission issued its final report in January 1975, and, after studying it, Elazar submitted a detailed memorandum to the Cabinet in June, again denying personal responsibility for the IDF's failings and stressing that of the Defence Minister.

In this memorandum, Elazar said that only after the war had he seen hundreds of messages received by military intelligence warning of the imminent attack. He says that the Commission discriminated between him and Moshe Dayan, who had access to all the intelligence sources available to him (Elazar), plus additional ones.

On the failure to mobilize the reserves before Yom Kippur, Elazar said the Commission did not apply the same standards to him and to Dayan, whose approval was required for any call-up. As to the delay in ordering a general mobilization on Yom Kippur itself, Elazar said the blame entirely on Dayan, who rejected the CoS' recommendation that the entire reserve force be called up immediately.

Elazar said that he never denied his command responsibility for the failures of the war, but denied personal responsibility. He said that he had twice offered to resign, but his offers were rejected. He claimed to have increased the alertness of the IDF and its capability of fighting and winning a war and he believed that he stood up to the supreme test of a Chief of Staff — successful conduct of a war.

Dado Elazar was born in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, in 1925 and went to school in Zagreb. His father, who died recently in Yugoslavia, was a partisan in Tito's forces and later a major in the Yugoslav army.

Elazar joined the Hashomer Hatzair youth movement and came to Israel in 1940, with Youth Aliya. He became a member of Kibbutz Ein Shemer, but left when the kibbutz refused him permission to join the Palmach in 1947. As an officer in the War of Independence he was wounded twice. He took part in battles in Jerusalem, and headed an attempt to break through to the besieged Jewish Quarter.

After the War of Independence, he

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## Half-way deal on the \$550m.

is reported

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

PRESIDENT FORD has agreed to a compromise over the "transitional aid" issue, according to an Israeli Radio report from New York last night, but official circles in Jerusalem and Washington said they had no information to confirm the report.

According to the radio report, Mr. Ford will now agree to provide Israel with \$275m.—\$300m. out of the \$550m. originally requested.

The agreement is said to have been reached at a meeting in New York between the President and Senator Jacob Javits.

The sum is to cover the "transitional quarter" when the U.S. government switches the start of its budgetary year from July 1 to October 1, 1976.

After having earlier indicated to Israel that the \$550m. would be forthcoming, the Administration, at Mr. Ford's insistence, informed both Israel and the Congress that it would oppose the transitional aid. Mr. Ford threatened to veto the entire foreign aid bill if Congress nevertheless approved it.

Official circles in Jerusalem said they were aware that intensive discussions were proceeding between legislators and Administration officials, and hoped for a "positive outcome." But they had no information to confirm that a compromise had indeed been reached.

On Wednesday Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told Senator Daniel Inouye that the Ford Administration's opposition to foreign aid funding for the transitional quarter was not based on foreign policy grounds but "substantially on domestic grounds."

Kissinger said that studies by the Administration led it to conclude that Israel's needs "are not so great as we had thought."

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## Egypt to get its six C-130s

WASHINGTON. — Congress went into recess on Wednesday without acting on President Ford's request to sell Egypt six C-130 military transport planes, thereby giving tacit approval to the \$65m. arms deal.

Under law, Congress has 30 days to reject any arms sale exceeding \$25m. If the House of Representatives and Senate do not reject the sale, it automatically goes through. The 30-day deadline for the Egyptian deal expired on Wednesday.

Deal with Jordan off — page 4

## Lebanese left extends fighting to foil Syria

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent and agencies

FIGHTING IN Beirut and neighbouring areas erupted with new intensity yesterday, threatening to bury attempts at a political resolution of the Lebanese civil war.

A hail of rockets and mortar shells rained down on both sides of the Lebanese battle lines, dividing leftist private armies and Christian forces, though neither side has formally abrogated the two-week-old shaky cease-fire.

Unconfirmed reports said leftist forces are engaged in vicious fighting with Syrian troops who have penetrated into Lebanon to impose a Damascus settlement dividing the administration equally between Christians and Moslems.

Christian Phalangist leader Pierre Gemayyel, who had earlier approved of Syria's intervention in Lebanon, said that "the Left has been hysterically escalating the fighting" with the aim of foiling current attempts at creating a new administration in the country. He further claimed that the leftists were deliberately provoking the clashes to bring in the Palestine

## 'Ferocious escalation'

Liberation Organization, instead of Syria, as peacemakers (PLO chief Yasser Arafat is currently visiting Damascus).

The deadly artillery and machine-gun exchanges increased the danger of all-out Syrian military intervention to force a halt in the year-long struggle that has killed close to 20,000 persons.

Police reported that in the past two days 138 were killed and more than 200 wounded in savage shelling around Beirut's downtown battle zones and civilian quarters beyond — in addition to a line of Christian and Moslem hill towns east of the capital.

"The fighting is escalating ferociously on almost all fronts," said a security forces spokesman. "There are more killed on the ground than we can count because

"we cannot reach stricken areas." The toll neared the level of the war's fiercest artillery battles three weeks ago. It shattered an April 2 cease-fire imposed by Syria to give time for a political settlement.

A spokesman for Middle East Airlines, Lebanon's privately-owned flag carrier, said the Government requested a suspension in flights from Libya. He refused to say why, but the Phalange Party said it was to cut off arms shipment to leftist forces.

The leftists, together with PLO supporters, on Wednesday staged a demonstration in southern Lebanon to protest against the growing military intervention in Lebanon by Damascus. About 3,000 persons paraded through the main streets of Sidon, 40 kilometres south of Beirut. Shopkeepers throughout the city closed their shutters and many townspeople joined in.

No violence was reported, despite the presence of Syrian-controlled "Sa'ika" sabotage forces in key positions guarding access to the Sidon port.

Sidon's main camps are controlled by radical organizations such as the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which has been helping leftists in the civil war.

The demonstration underlined their fears that Syria's military moves in Lebanon will include attempts to bring the PLO into line with Syrian Middle East policy and crush their independence in Lebanon.

## 'France should move in'

In Paris, former French Premier Michel Debre has called for western military intervention to end the civil war in Lebanon. The Gaullist leader told the French National Assembly Wednesday night that France had remained "too silent" during the Lebanese crisis.

"France should act," he said. "France has the means and should attempt to prepare with its allies a concerted intervention, either within the framework of the United Nations or outside it."

Debre, an orthodox Gaullist who no longer holds a government post, expressed fears that Middle East events could lead to a general conflagration in the whole Mediterranean area.

President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, who sent former Prime Minister Maurice Couve de Murville on an unsuccessful mission to Beirut five months ago, last week dispatched a new envoy, Georges Gorse, to Lebanon. Gorse conferred with Syrian President Hafez Assad on Wednesday night.

## Rabin: Nature of Syrian move may be decisive

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday that Israel has set its own limits on the degree of Syrian involvement in Lebanon.

Without spelling these out, Rabin said in an interview on the army radio station recorded earlier in the week:

"We are watching with concern when the Syrians overstep certain limits we have set ourselves — and they are not necessarily geographical lines but also involve the manner and aims of their involvement — we shall have to take additional decisions."

Questioned about the additional \$550m. in American aid which President Ford has said he will veto if it is requested by the U.S. Congress, Rabin said this sum was needed to pay for arms purchases already agreed to by the U.S. The request — had already been agreed to in principle by the U.S. and "I therefore do not see how this request could be termed unjustified," he said.

Rabin added: "We shall continue to press for this additional sum. If we cannot obtain American agreement, then we shall have to reconsider our U.S. arms procurements."

## K sees 'political solution' coming in Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Correspondent and agencies

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told Congress on Wednesday that the pattern of a political settlement is now emerging in Lebanon, although passions remain high and the situation "could blow up tomorrow."

He was giving his assessment of the civil war in Lebanon during testimony before a Senate appropriations subcommittee which is considering President Ford's request for \$1,870m. in foreign military aid.

Although the U.S. had encouraged Syrian action there, Kissinger added, "recent Syrian movements into Lebanon were getting very close to the border line of Israel tolerance."

"We have strongly discouraged Israel from taking precipitous actions," Kissinger said. "We must say that Israel has been statesmanlike and constructive. Neither we nor the Israelis believe that Syrian actions in Lebanon are a threat to the security of Israel. But it is a situation that bears watching... it could explode tomorrow."

## New West Bank leaders coordinate policy

Won't be 'used' for negotiations

By ANAN SAFADI

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

LEADERS OF THE newly-elected nationalist municipal councils in the West Bank's major towns were yesterday engaged in behind-the-scenes consultations among themselves hoping to come up with a unified policy with regard to their conduct in office.

The mayor of Ramallah, Karim Khalaf, who is a sympathizer of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), last night confirmed that such talks were going on, but he declined to elaborate.

In an interview with The Jerusalem Post, Mr. Khalaf nevertheless disclosed that he and his nationalist colleagues, who were swept into office in the main cities of Judea and Samaria last Monday, have agreed to confine their official activities to municipal affairs, and to any attempt by the Israeli authorities to involve us in political deliberations."

Khalaf said that the West Bank population was part of the Palestine people "whose political representative is the PLO and not us."

Khalaf said that his colleagues' determination to avoid any political activity "does not mean that we shall stand by idly in the face of Israeli moves in the West Bank, in particular with regard to Jewish settlement. Nor would we overlook other incited charges in the situation, including the attempt to promote home rule which is designed to substitute for the PLO

leadership." Though Mr. Khalaf did not say what form of action they were planning in response to Israeli political initiatives, he said that he and his colleagues could be expected to "act collectively."

Khalaf was yesterday reinstated for a second term by a unanimous vote by the Ramallah council, now controlled overwhelmingly by nationalist extremists. The similar by constructed Nablus council gave unanimous support to radical Bassam Shak'a as new mayor.

In Hebron, a "nationalist front" which captured the entire municipal council, named Fahd Kawasma, a young agronomist, as mayor. Other main towns were expected to follow suit today.

The appointment of mayors is subject to the approval of the military authorities.

Bethlehem's moderate Mayor Elias

Fretj, whose powerful victory was the sole exception to the radical triumph in the West Bank's major towns, yesterday told The Post that the general outcome of the municipal elections should serve as a hint to the Israeli authorities to limit their dealings with the new councils and mayors to "purely municipal matters."

Mr. Fretj said that the authorities would "err if they thought they could find political accommodation" with the new local leadership.

The remarks of both Khalaf and Fretj indicate that the elections may have backfired if the original aim of holding this week's vote had been to create a new West Bank political leadership with which Israel could discuss a future political settlement. The election has in fact served the extremist nationalists, rocketing their representatives into

the councils of the central towns at the expense of the conservatives, who now hardly have a say in the West Bank's focal areas.

But the authorities might find consolation in the fact that the radical nationalists are all well-educated and intelligent, and that, because of their realism and pragmatism, they may find them easy to come to terms with.

The fact that the new West Bank leaders will be seeking "harmony at home" might still provide hope that they will be an active element in promoting peace — if not under Middle East rules then at least in accordance with those of the Chinese, one of whose proverbs says:

"If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation there will be peace in the world." It is the Chinese who also say that a thousand mile journey begins with one first step.

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Tiberias	23-16	20-12
Nazareth	23-16	20-12
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Tel Aviv	23-16	20-12
B-G Airport	23-16	20-12
Jericho	23-16	20-12
Qana	23-16	20-12
Beerseba	23-16	20-12
Elit	23-16	20-12
Tiran	23-16	20-12

**Social and Personal**

A delegation from the Swedish city of Norrköping, headed by Mayor V. Andersson, were tendered a reception on Pessah eve by Mayor Yisrael Feinberg of Petah Tikva, Norrköping's twin town.

An Oneg Shabbat in English, will be held tonight at Heichal Shlomo in Jerusalem at 8.45. Rabbi Dr. Alexander Carlebach and Benjamin Avileah of the Foreign Ministry will be speakers. Zvirot: Cantor Arye Goldberg. A Melave Malka programme will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow, with Shmuel Moyal of the Foreign Ministry as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lender will sing, and a film will be shown. The public is invited.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9 p.m. tonight, at Ihud Shivat Zion, 86 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Ya'acov Bar-Or, community leader, and Arye Chapman, Tour Ve'Alah.

**ARRIVALS**  
Gideon Rafael, Israeli Ambassador to Britain, and his wife, for the Pessah holiday.  
Defence Ministry economist David Kochav, from the U.S., where he discussed American assistance to Israel with government officials (by RA AJ).

**DEPARTURES**  
Pianist Artur Schnabel, for Paris, after three performances here (by Air France).

**Court order against singer Ruth Navon**  
BEN GURION AIRPORT. — A Tel Aviv Court judge has forbidden singer Ruth Navon from leaving the country until her contract obligations are clarified.  
The injunction was issued at the request of two companies, Hed Artzi and Mofa Omanim, who maintain that the singer had in 1973 signed an agreement for recordings and performances, following which extensive sums were invested in her career. Navon, they claim, then left for the U.S. and only recently returned, without fulfilling her obligations. (Nim)

The State of Israel, with the entire nation, mourns the untimely passing of Rav-Aluf (Res.)

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**Civil service strike now seen more likely**

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT and GIDION ESHEET  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

TEL AVIV. Prospect of a strike throughout the civil service increased over the holiday. Committees representing civil servants who face cancellation of their "specific allowances" and those who have never received such extra pay met on Tuesday and explored the possibility of jointly resisting a Labour Alignment decision to absorb the allowances in wage increases.

The decision — which would also raise all civil servants' wages by 5 per cent in the coming two years — was taken earlier on Tuesday by the Alignment's Resolutions Committee. It is binding on party representatives, who control the Government and the Histadrut.

Leaders of the "have" and of the "have-not" civil servants, who had hitherto been at odds, learned of the decision while they were appearing on Israel TV's show "Moked." They conferred among themselves immediately after the show in an attempt to close ranks.

A "have-not" leader who participated in the meeting said he believed employees in the Ministry of Communications were willing to compromise, but that the income tax people were not. Shmuel Klein, leader of the Interior Ministry, reiterated the latter's decision to carry out sanctions as of April 25 unless measures are taken to equalize pay.

The 20,000 "haves" among the State employees had opposed any cut in their "specific allowances" (wage supplements euphemistically described as compensation for work beyond the normal call of duty.) Earlier this week they agreed to let only the "have-nots" receive a 6 per cent wage increase in the coming two years, provided their own specific allowances — as well as the cost-of-living increment on these allowances — were not tampered with.

The 42,000 "have-nots" meanwhile insisted that all civil servants in the same grade receive the same pay. They wanted this process to be completed by October. (The Barkai Committee on tax reform had recommended that the "haves" receive smaller cost-of-living increments in April and October so as to cancel the perk.)

The fundamental difference between the parties remained. The "have-nots" suggested that civil servants demand an 8 per cent wage increase. Those who do not receive "specific allowances" would get the full increase, employees whose allowance are smaller than 8 per cent would get the difference, and specific allowances bigger than 8 per cent would be cut. (The present maximum is 15 per cent.)

Meanwhile, the wage negotiations between the Government and the civil servants have run into a new difficulty, it was learned yesterday — a legal bar to reducing the wages provided for in a worker's contract without his or her consent.

Therefore, even if the Government, the Histadrut, and the committee representing employees who receive specific allowances agree to reduce wages, this cannot be carried out without the consent of each worker.

The way to overcome this difficulty would be simply to outlaw specific allowances. But this would raise the question of certain specific payments not discussed by the Barkai Committee. Two such cases were mentioned yesterday: the 10 per cent parliamentary allowance granted to Knesset employees and the allowances granted to employees in the State Comptroller's office.



Larry Parker (left) of the U.S. and Colin Dowdeswell of Rhodesia, who meet today in the men's singles tennis final at the Maccabi Tzafon Club in Tel Aviv—story, page 3. (A. Suesskind)

**Pessah marred by sandstorms**



A Pessah picnic in Jerusalem's Sacher Park was enjoyed yesterday by this family of visitors from (Rahamin Yisraeli)

Jerusalem Post Staff

Sandstorm and heavy dust in the air combined with high temperatures to remind holiday vacationers yesterday that the Exodus from Egypt took the Children of Israel into the desert. Many cut short their trips to parks and beaches in all parts of the country.

Few picnickers remained at points in the north such as Banyas or Horbat Tal or the shores of Lake Kinneret, where winds raised high waves. Beaches in Nahariya, Ashdod and Ashkelon were gradually deserted. In Wadi Faran, in the Arava, police and army vehicles came to the aid of some 100 cars stranded when sand got into their motors.

Near Moshav Parana, a 10-year-old boy was killed and his parents and two other relatives were injured when a Subaru going south passed several cars and collided with an oncoming vehicle the driver had failed to see.

Landing and take-off were irregular at Ben-Gurion Airport because of poor visibility, and one Turkish Airways plane had to turn back because of the weather. El Al planes continued to land, using special equipment.

(Reuters reports from Cairo that air, land and sea traffic was disrupted as high winds and a severe sandstorm blew over Egypt yesterday, reducing visibility in some places to almost nil. Ships using the Suez Canal came to a complete standstill and the Cairo-Ismailiya road was closed to traffic.)

Some 80,000 holiday-makers were in Eilat before the weather worsened, and hotels there noted record occupancy. Rooms in private homes were rented at rates of IL300-IL400 per night.

Jerusalem hotels were also full, and thousands of visitors filled the plaza of the Western Wall, despite the hamsin.

Prime Minister and Mrs. Yitzhak Rabin spent the seder at Kibbutz Ramim (Manara), where his sister Rahel is a member.

Haifa police received an unusual complaint from a resident who excitedly phoned to report a theft and asked them to send a patrol car to his home. The policeman, that portion of middle matzo required to finish the seder meal, had been stolen, he said.

Kibbutzim and settlements along the northern frontier reported that many visitors, including new immigrants and soldiers, took part in their sederim. IDF units along the border and on the Golan celebrated Pessah in camps, strongholds, and field units. The IDF Chaplaincy gave each unit a special seder kit, including a Haggada printed in large letters so every soldier, even in dark places, could read it. In some army camps and outposts, high-ranking army officers, Cabinet ministers or members of the Knesset took part in the seder. Security forces, including military police, Border Police and the Civil Guard, strengthened security measures in settlements and along the border. No incidents were reported.

In Moscow, about 1,000 Jews attended Passover services at the Moscow Synagogue Wednesday night, Jewish sources reported.

The sources said large numbers of full-time and volunteer police were near the synagogue on Arkhipov Street in downtown Moscow, but there were no major incidents.

The Soviet news agency Tass said Passover services took place in more than 90 synagogues in cities and towns throughout the Soviet Union. It said 600,000 to 700,000 kilograms of matza were baked for the occasion and Jewish families were able to hold traditional seder meals "according to the rules."

**Hebron Hills man held for taking ancient shekels from excavation**

A Hebron Hills labourer is being held on suspicion of having stolen an estimated IL500,000 worth of Second Temple coins while working on an archaeological excavation at the Dung Gate, just outside the Old City of Jerusalem.

Police have recovered 10 of the shekels — which date from the second and third years of the Great Revolt against Rome (67 and 68 C.E.) — from an East Jerusalem antiquities dealer.

The coins come from a Second Temple neighbourhood uncovered in the excavations. Police were called in after rumours reached the archaeologists directing the dig that a labourer had failed to turn over shekels he discovered in the course of digging, several months ago.

The man arrested — who was remanded for a further eight days this week — allegedly bought a new van and began constructing a house in his village with money he got for the coins. Although valued at IL500,000, the coins' historical value is incalculable, the archaeologists say.

**Two held for selling drugs to Haifa pupils**

HAIFA. — Two youths were arrested here on Wednesday on suspicion of selling drugs to high school students in the Mount Carmel district.

The two, aged 19 and 21, were found on the basis of information supplied to the police by informers. In the home of one of the suspects, police found pills and a sample of what they believe to be hashish.

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**Easter w celebra begin in**

Roman Catholic day watched the rite feet that opens East celebrations.

Bishop Hanna Karetz poured water on 12 Christians in the remembrance of humility, Christ's Maundy Thursday of his 12 apostles.

About 300 pilgrims robed in Franciscan robes from the tomb in the Holy Sepulchre, slowly washed feet of the 12, including tourists chosen for the gathering.

The Franciscan Curia of the Holy Land, later led a visitation to the reputed site of per on Mount Zion.

**Bid from council t off pay**

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — A bid from the Tel Aviv Labor Council Wednesday recommending the expected 10 per cent Cost-of-Living Allowance money saved to it to compensate it for \$550m. over the years in the American budget.

Dov Ben-Meir, Knesset Member, suggested that payment of cent increase be deferred. Employers should make savings, he added. The council would have a bill to pay, should a money saved by the budget, Ben-Meir said.

Residents of Eilat pledged some IL100,000 to support the MK Shulamit Aloni's press conference in Monday. The plan, a group of Eilat, IL2,000m. from the she said.

**Three held in rape of vol**

ACRE. — Police three youths from a city village as suspect and attempted murder.

Leslie Norman, 21, Monday found stabbed, on a dirt Moshav Daiton and moshav members to hospital. Her condition improved, but she is unable to make

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filled a variety of training posts and rank. He took part in many five raids across the 1956 Sinai Camp this period he also at Hebrew University.

In the Sinai Camp commander of an infantry which saw action in the After the campaign he transfer to the Armour began by taking a course and by working repair workshop. By commander of an armoured unit in 1961 he was in Armoured Corps.

In his three-and-a-half years in the tank warfare department, he was involved in night fighting, breaking through enemy positions.

Appointed OC in November, he trained the operation Syrian attempt sources of the Six Day War he front, commanding conquered Samar Heights in a series of operations. After the war he was fighting in Jordan, now.

In December, 1966, Chief of General Staff and was intimately involved in operations of the War along the Suez Canal. O 1972, he was appointed Chief of the IDF General succeeded his life-long friend Bar-Lev.

Although never officially retired, Elazar enjoyed popularity and sympathy resignation. In May 1974 he was appointed to a senior position in the reserves.

Golda Meir in her biography makes it quite clear his suggestions for mass mobilization and pre-emptive strikes (when she was Minister) were overlooked. She wrote: "His conduct of the war was brilliant and beyond reproach."

(Leader—page 1)

**The Collector**  
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# 'I'm not guilty,' says woman, 38, apprehended as 'mystery shooter'

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN

TEL AVIV. — An incorrect address prevented police from acting sooner to apprehend the 38-year-old woman believed responsible for shooting six persons within 10 days. The suspect, Sarah Elkannovitch, who came to Israel three years ago, was arrested on Tuesday.

On Wednesday she was brought before Magistrate Yehoshua Ben-Shlomo and remanded for 12 days. The judge ordered that she be given a psychiatric examination during this period.

Immediately after the suspect was arrested in her Holon apartment, where she lived alone, she was taken to the Holon police station. It was on or near Holon buses that most of the shootings took place.



Pakad Yitzhak Tello, head of the investigating team. (Israel Sun)



Policeman shows Sarah Elkannovitch's .22-calibre Beretta pistol and the homemade cloth bag in which she allegedly carried and fired the gun. Elastic bands held the gun in place inside the bag, its muzzle nesting in the metal ring. (Israel Sun)

She was later transferred to the Tel Aviv station and then to the Abu Kabir lockup. In the course of the investigation, ballistic tests revealed that shots removed from four of the victims were shot by the gun that police found at her apartment. Elkannovitch, who was unmarried, had a permit to the gun.

Police reported that so far the suspect is refusing to cooperate.

In court on Wednesday, after Pakad Yitzhak Tello of the Tel Aviv police force described the shooting incidents, Elkannovitch said, "I don't understand exactly what he said. They say I fired (a gun). I didn't shoot." She added that she did not understand Hebrew very well, at which point one of the policemen in the court translated into Russian for her.

She said later: "I suffer from many illnesses, and I could die before this investigation is completed." She asked to be held under house arrest, adding that if she were jailed she would refuse to eat. "I am not guilty," she said.

Judge Ben-Shlomo banned publication of Elkannovitch's picture after police claimed they would have to hold several line-ups and this would hamper their investigation.

In a hastily convened press conference on Wednesday, Police Chief David Ofer said the suspect's name was on a list that investigators had received from the Ministry of Interior of those who lived in the Holon area and had permits to carry .22-calibre pistols. A check of the addresses, however, revealed Elkannovitch's was incorrect.

Finally, on Tuesday, the police received additional information about a woman seen practicing fairly regularly at a local shooting range. This information included the woman's correct address.

Pakad Tello, who had been heading the investigation since the first victim was hit at the central bus station on Sunday, April 4, dis-

patched two detectives to arrest the suspect. At this point, the investigators had an identical portrait of the suspect from evidence given by persons involved in the shootings, either as victims or as bystanders. In addition, police had two pictures prepared by cartoonist Dosh. He drew his picture from the description provided by two individuals while under hypnosis, conducted by Dr. Morris Kleinhau.

When investigators arrested Elkannovitch in her apartment, not far from the Holon bus lines where three of the shootings occurred, they discovered a homemade handbag specifically designed to allow a pistol to be shot from it, materials for an additional bag of the same sort, and more than 1,000 .22-calibre bullets.

The handbag, which Pakad Ofer showed to reporters, was of a light-colored material and appeared to consist of several layers of thick cloth, apparently to muffle the sound of the pistol firing.

In one side of the bag, which could be suspended from the shoulder, was a brass ring through which the gun could be fired. Several rubber bands held the pistol in place. Surrounding the pistol was a small lamp-shade contrivance, evidently for deflecting the spent cartridges downward into the bag, and out of the way of the pistol's breach.

The suspect apparently walked along or stood in the bus with the bag slung by her side. By placing her hand inside the bag, she could pull the trigger.

Police are investigating the woman's motives and are considering the possibility that she may have been working for a hostile organization.

The arrest of Elkannovitch marks the end of 10 days of an intense search by more than 80 investigators. Police also recruited the help of psychiatrists and Civil Guard personnel. During these 10 days, six shootings took place in and about Holon and Tel Aviv, unnerving residents of these areas. One of the victims, it has been learned, may be paralysed for life. Another, Madeleine Abdullah, is in serious condition with a damaged liver.

## Arson suspected in T.A. workshop fire

TEL AVIV. — A blaze which gutted an upholstery workshop on Rehov Acosta on Wednesday evening was apparently arson, police at the scene reported.

The workshop, owned by Freddy Lazarus, had been closed for several months. Four fire trucks spent two hours getting the flames under control.

Arson was also suspected in Rehov Abiezer, in the Hativva Quarter, where a shack owned by the Hativva municipal housing company went up in flames. No one was injured in the fire, but nearby residents left their homes for fear the flames would spread. (JTA)

## U.S., BRITISH PRESS:

# Praise for West Bank poll

Israel drew compliments from the U.S. and British press this week for having held Monday's elections on the West Bank, coupled with warnings for the future based on the voters' shift to radicalism.

The "New York Times" on Wednesday praised Israel for its willingness to allow free elections, but said that the direction signs point ultimately to an end, not to a tightening of the military occupation.

Nothing that the free elections in the West Bank stand in ironic contrast to the lack of such freedom in any Arab country, "the Times" stated.

"In returning so many candidates of PLO sympathies, the West Bank Arabs seem to have been sending a signal not only to the Israeli authorities but also, to some extent, to King Hussein, whose ties have generally been with the traditionally controlling elements of the West Bank population and whom most of the PLO — fractionalized as it is — consider as much the enemy as they do the Israelis.

"The dialogue between this new West Bank Arab leadership and the occupiers will surely become more

difficult than ever; but the fact remains that there will have to be a dialogue — and the establishment of such contact, however forced and uneasy, may yet prove to have some mutual benefits."

The "Washington Post" editorialized that: "Given the virtual certainty of continued Palestinian stalling, the future of the West Bank will mostly depend on the Israelis — and secondarily, on the Jordanians." Noting that the Israelis "can agree among themselves neither on how to hold the West Bank (what kind of occupation, what settlement policy, etc.) nor on how they might relinquish at least some part of it," it continues: "Perhaps the lone positive element is that there now is a live and growing discussion in Israel of whether there are Palestinian 'moderates' with whom Israel might safely deal — in the West Bank if not within the Palestine Liberation Organization outside it — and of what Israel might do to draw them out and strengthen them. Given the continued dedication to Israel's destruction in the PLO's official programme and in the deeds of some part of its following, this would be

no small achievement. But, even so, it would not be enough."

In London the "Daily Telegraph," most pro-Israel of Britain's national newspapers, wrote, "It is a tribute to Israel's adhesion to democratic normalcy that Monday's elections were allowed to go ahead despite the recent disturbances." But the emergence of the Palestinian Arab nationalists and left-wingers meant that both Israel and the inhabitants of the West Bank would be openly facing political realities.

"The Times" of London praised Israel's tolerance of the elections, adding that "the result makes it more than ever imperative for Israel to recognize that the West Bank cannot be permanently incorporated in the Jewish State and to find a way of negotiating its future with the PLO." If Israel failed to do so, they would increasingly find themselves "aping the postures and policies of Mr. Ian Smith — and perhaps eventually sharing his fate."

Echoing these arguments, the "Guardian" added that the West Bank is at the heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict, but the elections had only emphasized that conflict's complications. (JTA, AP)

# Soviet dissident sentenced to internal exile for 'slander'

MOSCOW. — A Moscow court yesterday sentenced Soviet dissident Dr. Andrei Tverdokhlebov to five years of internal exile on a charge of slandering the Soviet state.

In practice the sentence will only amount to two years of exile, since the year that Tverdokhlebov has spent in pre-trial detention is taken into account. Each day he has spent in jail is equivalent to three days of exile.

Tverdokhlebov, a 38-year-old physicist, is secretary of the Soviet underground human rights organization Amnesty International and a former close associate of Nobel Peace Prize winner Andrei Sakharov.

Tverdokhlebov's mother, Sara, 67, said after the sentence was passed at a courthouse in the Moscow suburb of Lyubimov that she was relieved. Her son had faced a maxi-

mum sentence of three years' imprisonment.

But she added: "He himself is not so happy, because he still believes that he is innocent. I'm glad that he won't be imprisoned, but in fact I still think he is not guilty and did what his conscience told him," she told Western correspondents, outside the courthouse.

The Western press had been barred from the courtroom when the trial began on Wednesday, but correspondents received the following account:

Tverdokhlebov told the court if Communists would stop harassing dissidents, then detente would be easier. He admitted from the stand that he had distributed human rights statements but claimed he violated no Soviet law. He said exchange of information is provided for under the August 1 Helsinki declaration, signed by the Soviet Union.

The judge cut off the defendant, saying the court was not a debating society and Tverdokhlebov was not speaking to the point of his deeds.

Tverdokhlebov then laughed and sat down.

His defence attorney said that what Tverdokhlebov was accused of did not violate Soviet laws, only Soviet custom.

Meanwhile, sources in Moscow said the state's star witness refused to testify at a trial in Omsk of Crimean Tatar nationalist Mustafa Djemilev, accused of anti-Soviet activity. The sources said an ex-convict named Vladimir Dvoryansk, who had given a statement against Djemilev during pre-trial investigation, claimed in court that the statement was extracted from him under force.

Djemilev was sentenced to 2½ years in a labour camp.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Sakharov and his wife Yelena were detained by Soviet police on Wednesday after striking police officers on duty at the trial. Tass news agency reported.

Mrs. Sakharov said in a written statement that she had done so deliberately and knew what she was doing, Tass said.

Sakharov tried to assert that he had done so because mistreatment (police) had allegedly tried to twist his arm. But when the officers at the militia station suggested a medical examination to prove his statement, he flatly refused, Tass said. The Soviet News Agency said the Sakharovs were both released after making their statements.



Excavations near the Citadel, outside Jerusalem's Old City on the west side, are uncovering the ancient foundations of the city walls. The dig, which will go down at least 16 feet, is on the site of the proposed B'nai B'rith Garden. The garden is being built by the Jerusalem Foundation, the National Parks Authority and the Municipality, on the basis of a grant from the Jewish service organization. It will cover the slopes from the Citadel to Minnom Valley and the Sultan's Pool. During the preliminary survey of the area of the park, it was discovered that much of the slope is composed of building rubble thrown from the walls during the time of Turkish rule and through the British Mandate. Among the major archaeological finds — which will be preserved in the park — are the ruins of Jerusalem's defence system from the era of the Hasmoneans. Behind the First Wall, archaeologists have also discovered ruined foundations of King Herod's palace. (Yitzhak Elsharar)

# Dowdeswell, Parker in tennis singles final

By JACK LEON

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. Rhodessa's Colin Dowdeswell and Larry Parker of the U.S. will fight out today's men's singles final of the international tennis tournament at the Maccabi Tzafon Club here. The women's last round is between Pauline Felschov of Israel and New Zealander Pauline Elliot. Play starts at 2:30 p.m.

Sixteen overseas competitors from seven countries and the top 24 local players provided a feast of good tennis over the Pessah holiday, though yesterday's grueling heat forced two participants to quit the courts and left others near exhaustion.

A total of \$2,300 is being awarded at the meet, which inaugurates the Israel Lawn Tennis Association's seventh international spring circuit. Play moves to Haifa tomorrow, with a three-day invitation tournament at the Carmel Country Club getting under way at 11 a.m. The annual Passover International Championships start on Tuesday at the new Ramat Hasharon Tennis Centre, following a men's qualifying tournament there which also begins tomorrow (at 9 a.m.), with 72 entries.

Highlight of the Maccabi Tzafon event was yesterday's 135-minute men's semi-final between Parker, 36, and former leading Australian junior Terry Rafter, 21. In an all-court contest full of artistry and excitement, Parker — on his third visit to Israel — took a 4-1 lead before his opponent hit a purple patch to level at 4-4. The set finally went to a tie-break, 6-6, which Parker won 7-3.

Rafter forged ahead 2-0 and 30-love in the second set; but then Parker, his game an admirable combination of fluency and steadiness, came back yet again. At 3-3, unperturbed Rafter called 13 deuces in an amazing half-hour game, before the Australian was so badly affected by the heat that he had to retire.

Dowdeswell, a Wimbledon doubles semi-finalist in 1975, reached the last round yesterday evening with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Paul McNamee, the Australian junior champion in 1973. The match was played in a sandstorm and poor visibility.

Best performance by an Israeli was Yair Wertheimer's handsome 7-6, 6-3 second-round triumph against David Carter, yet another top young Australian, ranked No. 4 in Queensland. However, Wertheimer then paid for his lack of consistency by going down 4-6, 5-7 to Parker in the quarters.

Another local to impress was Boaz Nikritin, who in the second round led Dowdeswell 3-2 with

some fine controlled serving and volleying, and kept in the match to the end though succumbing 4-6, 1-6.

In addition to Wertheimer, the other losing quarter-finalists were Canada's Rejean Genois; Yosef Stabholz, another victim of the shaviv; and Jacques Thamin of France.

There was a poignant situation in the women's semi-finals, when Felschov — who immigrated here from the Soviet Union 10 years ago and has since reached the top in the international game — met Luba Kruszevskaja, a new arrival from west Georgia, where she was on the national tennis team.

Felschov, in her first match in Israel against another player from Russia, won 6-1, 6-0. Elliot came through to the last round with a 6-3, 6-3 win against her New Zealand compatriot, Christine Newton. Unseated Tommy Frischer, still only 14, yesterday reached the boys' under-18 singles final in the current junior tennis championships by defeating No. 2 seed Zohar Ben-Rei, 6-7, 6-1, 6-4. Top-seeded Shai Fumi beat Roman Yisraeli 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 in the other semi-finals.

In the corresponding girls' semi-finals Ronit Heller — going for her third straight Pessah title — had a 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 success against Tami Levin, while Cal Harnad defeated Hava Coriat 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

1,233 DUNAMS have been added to the Hatzor (Galilee) town jurisdiction by order of the Minister of the Interior, Dr. Yosef Burg. The additional land is expected to spur the town's development.

# House wreck toll — four; one buried

ASEKELON. — Yoel Malka, the truck driver who died when his vehicle rolled downhill into a Beit Shemesh house on Tuesday afternoon, was buried here Wednesday. Malka, 21, was one of four persons who died when the house collapsed. Five persons were injured.

At the funeral were relatives and neighbours from the Shimonon quarter who told reporters the youth's father — also a truck driver had died in an accident in Morocco, shortly before the birth of his son. The family arrived in Israel 12 years ago.

Rescue operations at the Beit Shemesh site turned up four bodies, one more than reported earlier.

The truck, which was unloading earth in the backyard of the Shoshan family home, rolled into the house and demolished it. Esther Shoshan, 73, and her granddaughter, Malka Shoshan, 15, were both killed. By the conclusion of operations, close to midnight, the body of Nissim Malka, a 20-year-old soldier, was also uncovered.

Five injured persons were reported in satisfactory condition at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem. Most of them suffered broken limbs. The rescue team included police, members of the Border Police, firemen, a Magen David Adom squad, and many volunteers. A crane-equipped tow truck was brought in from Tel Aviv to lift the wreckage. (JTA)

# Jewish writer in Brazil seeks nabbed daughter

NEW YORK. — Major Kucinski of Sao Paulo, Brazil, a well-known writer and considered one of the world's leading authorities on the writings of Shalom Aleichem, has appealed to Brazilian army officials to help locate his daughter, who has been missing for two years and believed to have been one of many persons kidnapped by Brazilian security forces, according to information given here by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by friends of the family.

Ana Rosa Kucinski Silva was an assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Sao Paulo at the time she and her husband, Wilson, a journalist, disappeared, in April 1974. The Kucinski family believes that she was picked up by security police. But they have not been able to get an official account of her fate.

In an effort to do so, her 72-year-old father recently surprised reporters in Sao Paulo when he rose on the conclusion of a meeting between Gen. Diermando Gomez Monteiro and Archbishop Dom Paulo Evaristo Arns and asked the commanding general of Brazil's 2nd Army Corps for help in locating his daughter. Gomez Monteiro had met with Cardinal Arns at the cardinal's official residence in return for the cardinal's highly publicized meeting with the general to express his concern over the violation of human rights in the Sao Paulo region. Cardinal Arns has been the most outspoken critic of the government's violation of human rights.

Kucinski told reporters who were covering the meeting that "despite not having received any notice from Brazilian authorities during these two years, everything indicates that the security organs are responsible for her disappearance." (JTA)

"HAGASHASH HAHIVER," the three-man comedy team, left here on Wednesday for Passover appearances in Canada and the U.S. They will start their tour in Montreal Jewish community centres, and will remain on the continent for Israel Independence Day appearances on May 5.

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# More containers through Haifa, but less cargo

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — More passengers and containers passed through Haifa Port in the past 12 months, but the turnover of other types of goods shrank.

Passenger traffic advanced from 125,000 in 1974/75 to 147,000, or 18 per cent, underlining the need for improved reception facilities. The rise in container traffic, a worldwide trend, has been steady since 1973, when 542,000 tons of incoming or outgoing containers were handled. A year later the figure rose to 661,000 tons, and last year it stood at 870,000 tons, with prospects for a further rise this year.

"The overall volume of goods passing through the port fell in 1975/76 by 5 per cent, imports by 8 per cent; but exports rose by 6 per cent," port management spokesman Yair Bar-Mashiah reported this week.

In the past year labour productivity went up by 12.5 per cent, he noted. "The fact that stands out is that while goods turnover was 5 per cent lower, the number of cargo handling teams was 32 per cent less. The rise of container traffic which needs much less labour accounts for the higher productivity," the spokesman said.

# Druse create Zionist circle

Jerusalem Post Staff

DALLAT AL-CARMEL. — A group of young Druse have set up a "Druse Zionist Circle" here to foster a Zionist outlook and to combat Rakah (New Communist Party) attempts to estrange Druse and Jews.

The founder, Yusef Nassef e-Din, 32, is a demobilized serviceman and now manager of the local Gilead textile plant. He explained on Tuesday that the circle's members believe in the right of the Jewish people to their homeland and in the justice of the Law of Return. They were opposed to the views of Rakah, which was trying to spread its outlook among young Druse, and would explain their ideology to Druse and Jews alike so as to combat the gap which Rakah is trying to create between the two.

They added that Zionism had proved a blessing for the Druse and that, given the situation today in Lebanon and elsewhere, the future of the Druse was bound up with the existence of a strong, Zionist Israel.

# SUSPECTS HELD IN TEL AVIV BOMBING

TEL AVIV. — Police have arrested three suspects in the explosion at the home of Marcel Mahluf last Tuesday.

There were no injuries in the third-floor explosion at 89 Rehov Weizmann here, but residents panicked. Walls, windows and the door of the apartment were damaged.

Police believe that Mahluf, an employee of the Epstein car agency, was involved in a financial dispute. (JTA)

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## SWITCH TO MOSCOW

## Jordan cancelling U.S. arms deal

LONDON. — Jordan's Prime Minister says his country is cancelling a multimillion-dollar arms deal with the U.S. and is switching its order to the Soviet Union because the U.S. prices are more than doubled, the "Times" of London reported on Wednesday.

The "Times" quoted Zaid Rifai, visiting London along with King Hussein, as saying congressional stalling held up approval of the order for four Hawk missile batteries and 100 Vulcan guns until the price in January had reached \$702m. — more than double the original amount which Saudi Arabia had agreed to finance for the Jordanians.

"The Saudis did not find it possible to finance the whole deal at the new prices, and therefore we consider the deal with the United States is off," said Rifai, passing through Britain enroute home from the U.S.

The only other source which could supply an air defence system at reasonably moderate prices and

with an acceptable delivery schedule was the Soviet Union," the "Times" quoted him as saying.

Rifai said Jordan probably would have to pay \$10m. to \$12m. in damages for work already started, the newspaper reported.

Asked about Syrian intervention in Lebanon, Rifai said Jordan considers it desirable and necessary for peace and stability, "even if a new Lebanese president is elected."

In Washington, the Defence Department disclosed yesterday that it had ordered production of the Hawk missiles for Jordan stopped a month ago. There was no explanation for the lack of an earlier announcement. But Pentagon officials said the formal agreement to sell Hawks to Jordan remains in effect.

The proposed sale of Hawks to Jordan aroused opposition in Congress, but neither the House or Senate acted formally to block it. (AP)

## Egypt minister to Moscow to discuss \$4b. debt

CAIRO. — Egypt's Trade Minister Zakariya Tewfik is scheduled to visit the Soviet Union on April 25 to deal with the rescheduling of a \$4b. debt to Moscow and concluding a \$130m. trade agreement aimed at maintaining relations between the two countries, a Trade Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Egypt has been insisting on a grace period of at least 10 years followed by 40 years, which the Soviets refused.

President Anwar Sadat abrogated a friendship treaty with Moscow last month because he said the Soviets refused to reschedule Egypt's debts and to supply weapons and spare parts. The minister's visit to Moscow was agreed upon last December when the two countries initiated a one-year \$130m. trade protocol within the context of an old standing agreement signed in 1967.



A small group of well-equipped student demonstrators in "riot gear" face a cordon of Parisian police also in riot gear, as tear gas grenades smoke among smouldering debris at left. (UPI Radiophoto)

## French students clash with police over gov't reforms

PARIS. — Nationwide student demonstrations against government education reforms exploded into violence in Paris yesterday as more than 70,000 students marched through the city centre.

Seconds after the march began, demonstrators waving black anarchist flags hurled bottles and sticks at riot police, who retaliated with volleys of tear gas. Several persons were injured in the melee.

The Paris demonstration spearheaded a day of student protests in all major French cities against government reforms aimed at stimulating university courses more to

France's economic needs. The demonstrations climaxed weeks of student restiveness that had already developed into a strike now paralysing the French university system. Virtually all the country's 35 universities are affected to some degree.

The major left-wing student union which organized the protest claims the government reforms will give industry an undue voice in running university affairs. At the same time the bulk of French students are deeply concerned at the unemployment crisis, still running at record post-war levels in France. (Reuters)

## Mauritania and Morocco divide Western Sahara

RABAT. — Morocco and Mauritania on Wednesday divided Western Sahara between them and apparently agreed to share the large phosphate deposits which are the territory's principal economic resource.

In the final act of an agreement reached last November when Spain agreed to cede the territory to the two North African nations, an accord was signed at the royal palace here in the presence of Morocco's King Hassan and Mauritania's President Moktar Ould Daddah.

A joint communique said that the two countries agreed on "joint exploration of all the natural wealth in the Sahara provinces and their territorial waters."

The accord gives Mauritania less than one-third of the 265,000-sq.-km. territory. But the communique appeared to indicate that Mauritania would be given a stake in the large phosphate deposits at Bou Craa, located in the area ceded to Morocco. (Reuters)

## British doctors fight to save four surviving sextuplets

NEWCASTLE, England. — Doctors are fighting to save four surviving sextuplets born to a 30-year-old woman who had taken a fertility drug. "I'll be very surprised if they all survive," said Dr. Ralph Cassie, one of the hospital team that delivered the three boys and three girls on Wednesday.

The babies were two months premature and weighed between half a kilo and a kilo. Two girls died within hours.

"All six developed respiratory problems soon after birth and the four survivors are now in intensive care," reported Ian Ward, secretary at Princess Mary Maternity Hospital. He said all were being given oxygen and special feeding.

The babies' mother, music teacher Christine Price, also was in the hospital's intensive care unit.

The father, 31-year-old university lecturer Alan Price, said his surviving children were "the tiniest babies I've ever seen."

The Price babies are the third set of sextuplets born in Britain this century, according to medical sources. (AP)

## Patty Hearst 'ready to turn state's witness'

SAN FRANCISCO. — As newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst lay in hospital with a collapsed lung yesterday, new evidence came that she was ready to testify against her alleged Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) kidnappers.

In Berkeley, where radical couple William and Emily Harris were charged on Wednesday with her 1974 abduction, District Attorney Alex Selvin said Miss Hearst, 22, had indicated she would be available as a witness against them.

In San Rafael, near here, District Attorney Bruce Sales said she had admitted taking part in an SLA bombing of two police cars last August, and that she was ready, if granted immunity, to testify against three SLA members also alleged to be involved.

Miss Hearst is now recovering in hospital from an operation on Tuesday night for a collapsed lung. Doctors said she was in fair condition. She had been due to be sentenced for the bank raid conviction on Monday, but a federal judge committed her instead for three months of psychiatric tests before passing final sentence. (Reuters)



The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr., father of the late Negro civil rights leader, embraces Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter during a campaign rally in Atlanta earlier this week. King announced his support for former Georgia Governor Carter, who has been under sharp criticism from some black leaders since his statement on "ethnic purity." (AP radiophoto)

Advisers to three top Democrats  
CRITICAL OF K'S  
STEP-BY-STEP

WASHINGTON. — The foreign policy advisers to the three leading aspirants for the Democratic presidential nomination have criticized Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's step-by-step diplomacy in the Middle East and have advocated an overall solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict in which Israel would relinquish virtually all of the administered territories in return for big power guarantees of its security.

The advisers, all of whom served in the Johnson administration, participated in a panel on foreign policy last Tuesday at the convention of the American Society of Newspaper Editors. They are George W. Ball, former under-secretary of state who is one of the advisers to Sen. Henry Jackson of Washington, Prof. Zbigniew Brzezinski, of Columbia University, a former member of the State Department's policy planning council who is advising former Gov. Jimmy Carter of Georgia, and Paul C. Warnke, a former assistant secretary of defence who is an adviser to both Carter and Rep. Morris Udall of Arizona.

Ball contended that the Israel-Egyptian disengagement agreements in Sinai, which were worked out through the mediation of Kissinger,

created a situation in the Middle East "more dangerous than it was." He said the Sinai accords had isolated Egypt and its president, Anwar Sadat, from the rest of the Arab world.

The three advisers faulted Kissinger's policies for having squandered American leverage in the Middle East and missing an opportunity for an overall settlement by pursuing the step-by-step approach. All favoured a settlement worked out by the U.S. in coordination with its European allies and the Soviet Union through the UN.

Carter, meanwhile, told the editors that he has no apologies for his position on housing integration and said he thinks it is good for the country to have the issue raised.

Carter stirred a controversy two weeks ago by saying the federal government should not break up the "ethnic purity" of neighbourhoods. He has since apologized for the term "ethnic purity."

Carter said while he supports the use of government pressure to overcome racial discrimination in housing, he does not think the government should destroy what he called the "ethnic character" of the neighbourhoods. (JTA, AP)

## Italian Socialists urge elections

ROME. — Italy's Socialist party yesterday called for general elections this June after rejecting compromise proposals by the ruling Christian Democrats aimed at avoiding the poll.

A statement issued by the party leadership dismissed a Christian Democrat plan for a limited dialogue with the Communist Party. The Socialist statement said the dialogue was doomed to failure, and called for an early dissolution of Parliament. (Reuters)

The Christian Democrats had hoped talks with the Communists on the economy and the explosive issue of abortion reform would forestall an early election which might bring the Communist party to power. But the proposal for limited consultations, donated Wednesday night, fell short of Communist and Socialist demands for a common platform for government as the only alternative to elections. (Reuters)

## Filipino air hostages freed

ROME. — The hostages and crew from an airliner hijacked halfway round the world by three Filipino Moslem separatists were recovering here yesterday before returning home.

The three hijackers surrendered Wednesday in Benghazi, Libya after releasing their 10 captives who later flew to Rome.

The gunmen had hijacked a smaller plane over the Philippines nine days ago but switched to a Philippine Airlines (PAL) DC-8 in Bangkok on their way to Libya via Pakistan.

In Manila, it was reported that the three hijackers had returned the \$300,000 ransom they carried with them to one of the hostages, Rafael Igoa, who is executive vice-president of the airline. Military sources said Igoa carried the cash aboard when he agreed to become a hostage last Thursday.

Libya, meanwhile, has denied reports that it has granted political asylum to the hijackers, who are still being questioned by Benghazi authorities. (Reuters, AP)

## West Africa free of smallpox

UNITED NATIONS. — The World Health Organization (WHO) announced on Wednesday that 15 countries of West Africa are free of smallpox for the first time in history.

The announcement was based on a report from the WHO's regional office in Brazzaville, Congo, where an international commission conducted a final survey of the area. The commission said there is no evidence that smallpox has occurred in the 15 countries since 1970. Smallpox is declared eradicated from a country only after it maintains itself free of the disease for at least two years. (Reuters)

The countries are Benin (formerly Dahomey), Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo and Upper Volta. (AP)

## Around the world

## Callaghan completes shuffle

LONDON. — Prime Minister James Callaghan completed the shuffle of his administration on Wednesday with 22 middle-rank changes that brought moderates and right-wing Labourites into the Government.

Callaghan, who took over from Harold Wilson as Labour Party leader and Premier 10 days ago, promoted 10 Labourite legislators and sacked four ministers from non-cabinet posts.

Several of the new men named played a big part in helping Callaghan win his campaign for party leadership. Political commentators later cited some of the changes as designed to neutralize left-wing influence in the administration. They said one of the most significant appointments was that of Dr. Dickson Mabon, a leading figure in Labour's right-wing, to the No. 2 post in the Energy Department headed by staunch left-winger Tony Benn.

Mabon, 50, who represents an industrial district of Glasgow, is also chairman of the Scottish Labour Party. He will have special responsibility for developing Britain's North Sea oil and gas fields, a key part in the government's blueprint to revive the country's limping economy.

Another major appointment was Edward Rowlands, 36, who was member of Callaghan's team at the Foreign Office, to under-secretary of state in that department. Callaghan was Foreign Secretary until he became Prime Minister. (AP)

## San Francisco building bombed

SAN FRANCISCO. — A little-known terrorist group claimed responsibility on Wednesday for an explosion in an 15th-floor restroom of downtown office building.

Police said a bomb exploded in a restroom near the offices of Union Carbide Co., rupturing plumbing and flooding the floor. No injuries were reported.

The FBI released a three-page letter signed by the Red Guerrilla Family, which said, in part, "we attack Union Carbide because of their mining operations in occupied Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), for the heavy mining and manufacturing interests in South Africa, and their murderous exploitation of working people in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and throughout the world." (AP)

## Bankers to bail out N.Y. State

ALBANY, New York. — New York State has found sources for a full \$3,700m. in loans it needs for operating expenses this spring closing a chapter of the fiscal crises of the State and New York City.

State Comptroller Arthur Levitt announced on Wednesday that he had received "subscriptions" for the full amount. The first \$1,050 was to be borrowed yesterday from a combination of banks, other financial institutions and pension funds.

Without the money, the state government could have run out of money and been forced to shut down in coming weeks. (AP)

## 'Carlos heading for Uruguay'

MONTEVIDEO. — Illych Ramirez Sanchez, alias "Carlos," may be South America at the head of a terrorist group intending to assassinate Chilean President Augusto Pinochet, according to Uruguayan security forces.

The announcement of the alleged plot was made on national radio and television Wednesday night, one week before Pinochet due here for an official five-day visit. Along with the 26-year-old terrorist, whose last exploit was the kidnapping of oil-state minister in Vienna last December, the assassination squad is said to include Khalaf Salah of the Palestinian Arab terrorist organization. (AP)

## New rug-price record

LONDON. — Three world-record prices for oriental carpets were set at Sotheby's auction house on Wednesday night.

An anonymous bidder buying by telephone paid £62,000 (£157,000) for a 16th-century North Persian shah carpet measuring 3.45 by 2.1 metres. It was sent for sale by Grace, Countess of Dudley. The same buyer also gave £30,000 (£142,000) for a Herat carpet, and another anonymous purchaser gave £40,000 for a second Herat carpet.

The previous highest price for an oriental carpet was £20,000 (£137,500), paid earlier this month in Stockholm. Wednesday's sale wound up three days of special auctions timed by Sotheby's to coincide with the opening in Britain of a three-month "World of Islam" festival. (AP)

## India, China to exchange envoys

NEW DELHI. — India said yesterday it will send an ambassador to China for the first time since the 1962 border war between the world two most populous nations.

External Affairs Minister Yashwantrao Chavan told a cheering Parliament that China had approved the appointment of a new ambassador after talks in Peking. China is expected to name an ambassador to India soon, he added.

Chavan said that K.R. Narayanan, a 55-year-old career diplomat, had been selected to go to Peking and would take up the post within two months. (Reuters)

## Plane prop beheads soccer fan

ST. ETIENNE, France. — A 32-year-old soccer fan was beheaded by a propeller yesterday as he cheered along with a crowd of wildly jubilant fans mobbing the airplane bringing their soccer team home.

Joseph Bernard, father of three, was in the group greeting the St Etienne team on its return from Holland after qualifying for the finals of the European Cup. It is the first time in 17 years a French team has made the finals.

There was much drinking as the crowd waited for the arrival of the team. Tables, chairs and windows in the airport were broken, and carpets were torn. When the plane landed, the crowd poured out onto the field around the plane, where the accident occurred. (AP)

## British officer on bribe charges

LONDON. — A British army officer yesterday denied two charges involving alleged corruption in the placing of defence contracts and was remanded on bail of £15,000.

An American firm, Datotek Inc. of Dallas, Texas, and a British group specialising in military communications equipment, Racal Electronics, were mentioned in the formal charges. Lieutenant-colonel David Randel, 40, of the Royal Corps of Signals, was arrested on Wednesday after a probe of nearly two years into bribery allegations said to involve defence contracts worth up to £100m. Police investigating the case went to the Sultanate of Oman and to the U.S. (Reuters)

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## Children within walls

By LEAH ABRAHAMOWITZ

A NEW GENERATION of Jewish children is growing up in the Old City of Jerusalem. Where the aristocrats of Herod's day once promenaded, where Byzantine Christians bathed and Crusaders fought the Saracens, a group of young sabras now play hop-scotch and football.

There are some 200 Jewish families living in the renovated Jewish Quarter. Their offspring, some of whom have never known any other address, have a more-than-average interest in archaeology and history, gained from intimate contact with the past.

The great sport among the 8-14 year old crowd is climbing on roofs, exploring abandoned hovels and searching newly-dug construction sites for archaeological souvenirs. They have a discerning eye for ancient coins, remnants of frescoes or potsherds and carry home their prizes proudly to display on their bedroom window-sills. Not by chance, the second prize in the national youth quiz last Jerusalem Day was won by Pinna, a young resident of the Jewish Quarter and the city-wide youth clubs' Jerusalem quiz was claimed by Iran, another 11-year-old local product.

The children of the Jewish Quarter proudly call themselves "B'nei Hahomot" (children of the Walls). They are a close-knit group, perhaps because they are taken by bus together to and from school. They have a highly developed sense of esprit de corps, and lead a very free life — roaming at will through stony, arched alleyways or atop domed rooftops, much as village children do through green country fields. They have a clubhouse and many self-organized activities such as Shabbat afternoon parties or singing around

camp-fires on the ancient city walls.

The older children take the initiative in leading group activities for the younger ones. Revena, a lanky blonde 14-year-old, organizes a choir which performed "almost professionally" at several communal events. The tiny local library is run by Hassidiah and Orah, two high-school girls who spend many hours collecting and cataloguing the books.

The main meeting place for the children of all ages is the Square, or Rothschild Plaza. Here during most after-school hours but especially on Shabbat, the area teems with youngsters. The little ones swing around the carousel, the little girls play hop-scotch, the little boys kick a ball around, the older girls gossip and the adults go nearby out of their minds from the noise.

THE WESTERN WALL dominates life in the Jewish Quarter and the youngsters take an active part in all the national and religious events which draw thousands of visitors to the Kotel: Jerusalem Day, Tisha B'Av, the mass Priestly Blessing on holidays, the swearing-in ceremony of the Paratroopers.

The B'nei Hahomot are knowledgeable about their neighbourhood and they often giggle at some of the nonsense uninformed guides feed their groups of tourists. The gang exchange stories: how one guide pointed to the Temple Mount and referred to it as the Yohanan ben-Zakkai Synagogue; how another explained that the families now liv-

ing in the Jewish Quarter were all former residents of the area.

Relations between the Jewish and Arab children in the Old City vary. Brulik, a three-year-old with a shy smile and blonde pigtails, is very friendly with the Arab workmen and the donkey-drivers who are building the new structure next door. A class in Arabic for teenagers is one of the most popular activities, while the youngsters find ample opportunity to practise with the local shopkeepers, watchmen, and so on.

Apart from Arab-Jewish relationships, the Jewish Quarter offers a place for another confrontation. Most new neighbourhoods in Jerusalem tend to be populated by either religious or non-religious residents. This gives those children of different philosophies little opportunity to meet. In the Jewish Quarter, however, the population is "mixed."

When the visionaries who planned the reconstruction of the Jewish Quarter considered what they wanted to establish upon the rubble and destitution that was found there after the Six Day War, they took as their watchword a passage from Zechariah (which is now engraved on a wall of Rothschild Plaza):

"There shall yet old men and old women sit in the broad places of Jerusalem... And the broad places of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the broad places thereof..."

It today Dudi, an almost toothless seven-year-old can be heard to yell: "Hey, dad, watch me jump off the Kurna of King Tzenuhah El-Hassid," or a gang of kindergarten children run screaming around the Roman pillars displayed in the square, this goal has almost been fulfilled.

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"I intend to have a Roset's shoe store in every major town in Israel," he told me at his new Jerusalem shop, in Rehov Ben Yehuda this week. (It opened two weeks ago, but it's not the newest — another opened this week in Tel Aviv's Atarim shopping centre.)

"And I mean to make reasonably-priced, high fashion shoes available to every Israeli woman, in an atmosphere of comfort," he told me. As I sank on to the French-style velvet-upholstered chairs and rested my feet on the thick green carpet, I decided that this was one shoe shop I wouldn't mind patronizing — and the shoes, bags and belts he showed me made him sure of a new customer.

Not that he lacks them. Since his opening, the Jerusalem shop has been full of pre-Pessah buyers, so much so that last Friday, they were

### FASHION / JOANNA YERIEL

sitting all the way up the stairs to the office above, waiting to be served. And, by all accounts, in Tel Aviv at the oldest (all of three months) shop in Kikar Medina and at Atarim, things are going the same best-selling way.

What makes Roset's prices so reasonable? (Sandals, often rope-heeled, run from IL150 to IL200, while high-fashion snake skin sandals are from IL330 to IL400. Leather bags are from about IL235, the snake skin clutch bags cost about IL650. Bags of canvas and leather combined are about IL300.) The answer is that almost all the shoes, bags and belts are made in this country, by a young factory called Alexander's, with the leather, heels and even the glue imported mainly from Italy, and the modern, elegant designs by — Melvin Lewis.

Shoes at Roset's range from beautifully soft snake skin or leather sandals, with the new summer heel, some four inches high, in black, brown, blue or green, with matching clutch bags of green or blue leather or snake skin. There are also lower-

heeled, extra comfortable wedge-soled sandals in leather with crepe or rope heels.

WHERE DOES Mr. Lewis get his experience from? At 43, he says he's divided his life between the shoe business and the army. He went into the shoe business (his father's) aged 14, in California. He was also in the U.S. army and fought in Korea.

In September, 1973, he came here for a visit — and stayed, first as a volunteer at Kibbutz Na'an. When the Yom Kippur War broke out, he volunteered for the army. He was with the first troops to cross the Suez Canal into Egypt, and was wounded twice, spending most of the remainder of the war in hospital.

After the war, Mr. Lewis worked as the manager of aluminum and chemical factories (making good contacts with Israeli banks), married an Israeli girl (Roset — hence the name of his shoe stores) and now lives in Tel Aviv, commuting to Jerusalem most afternoons to watch over his shop here and get the reaction of the shoppers.

In opening his first two shops, he had a lot of help from local banks and the Ministry of Absorption, but his third shop was opened entirely with his own money.

### PORTION OF THE WEEK

## The potter and the clay

TOMORROW is Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Pessah — the Sabbath of the Intermediate Days of Passover — whose special Torah reading is Exodus 31:12-18 and Numbers 28:19-25.

"God said to Moses: 'Cut two stone tablets like the first...' (Exodus 34:1) — This is what is meant by (Isaiah 64:7): 'But now, God, You are our father; we are the clay, You the potter, and all of us are Your handwork.' The Blessed Holy One said to the Jews: 'Now I am your father; when you are in trouble you call Me 'our father'?'"

The Jews replied: 'Precisely, for it is said (Psalms 77:3): 'On the day of my distress I called on God.'"

The Blessed Holy One said: 'Now you call me 'father'! Yesterday you worshipped idols and called them 'father,' as said (Jeremiah 3:27): 'They say to a block of wood: "You are our father," and call a stone "Mother"... but when evil befalls them they say "Rise up and save us." But (Malachi 1:16) "If I am a father, where is the honour due Me? If I am a master, where is the reverence due Me?" Only when you are in trouble do you call Me "father."'

The Jews said: 'Master-of-the-Universe: You Yourself told us (Jeremiah 18:6): 'As the clay is in the hands of the potter, so are you in My hand, O House of Israel.' So even though we sin, and we anger You, do not forsake us. If a potter makes a jar with a fault in it, and someone fills it with liquid, and it all leaks out — whose fault is that if not the potter's? Now isn't it You, Master-of-the-Universe, Who created us with an evil urge that causes us to sin? Remove the evil urge, so that we shall be able to do Your will perfectly.'"

God said: 'I will do so in the Time-to-Come, as said (Michah 4:8): "On that day," says God, "I will assemble the half one, I will gather in the exiled one and the one whom I afflicted..." Just as God did after the Jews worshipped the golden calf, and He wanted to destroy them, but after Moses pleaded with Him — after smashing the first tablets — God relented (Exodus 32), and as a sign of this told Moses: "Cut two stone tablets like the first." (Shmot Rabba 46:4).

YALKUT SHIMONI comments on tomorrow's Haftara (Ezekiel 37:1-14): 'The dead whom Shaiel brought to life went back to Eretz Yisrael, married and had children. Rabbi Yehuda ben Betera stood up and declared: "I am descended from them, and the Tefillin I am wearing are an inheritance from them through my father's father" (Sanhedrin 92b).

M.K.

### STAMP COLUMN / HARVEY D. WOLINETZ

## The Warsaw Ghetto

ON THE EVE of Passover 1943 an example of Jewish heroism and courage was set for all mankind. That night, April 19, marked the beginning of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt, under the leadership of Mordechai Anielewicz. Some 40,000 Jews remained in the ghetto and it had become clear that Hitler was intent on the extermination of the Jews.

The besieged remnant of Polish Jews knew full well that victory was impossible. But they were determined to extract as dear a price as possible for their lives. For more than a month the exhausted and undernourished defenders fought against the might of the German war machine. But finally the battle came to its inevitable conclusion. The Warsaw Ghetto fighters, however, had left their mark. Even Strupp, the Nazi commander of Warsaw wrote in his diary "These Jews know how to die gloriously. Even I have to admit it."

The Warsaw Ghetto uprising became a symbol of freedom, whose spirit was admired all over the world. Poland marked the 5th anniversary of the event with a stamp in 1948 and then in 1968 issued another stamp which showed a picture of the Warsaw Ghetto Fighters Memorial which had been erected.

THE ISRAELI PHILATELIC Service marked the 30th anniversary of the revolt with a stamp depicting a portion of the Polish memorial showing a young man holding a rifle.

On May 3, 1951, (which corresponded to the Hebrew date of Nissan 27 — the day officially established by the Knesset as Martyrs and Heroes Memorial Day) a special postal cancellation commemorating the Holocaust was used in Kibbutz Yad Mordechai when a statue was unveiled in memory of Mordechai



Polish (above) and Israeli issues.

Anielewicz (for whom the kibbutz was named).

Kibbutz Lohmei Hagetaot used a cancellation for the 10th anniversary, and throughout the years a number of other cancellations were used.

The Jewish National Fund also issued two labels as a reminder of this event. One showed a ghetto fighter and the other a portrait of Mordechai Anielewicz. Both were released in 1948.

THE WARSAW Ghetto Memorial, from which the theme of the Polish and Israeli stamps was taken, was created by Nathan Rappaport. The artist, who fled Poland before the Nazi onslaught, saw his dream of a memorial to the Warsaw Ghetto fighters realized in 1948 when the stone and bronze memorial was built on the ghetto ruins. He also made the statue of Mordechai Anielewicz which was dedicated in Kibbutz Yad Mordechai. Bronze casts of the monument in the Warsaw Ghetto have now been erected at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and will be officially unveiled on Martyrs' Memorial Day on April 27.

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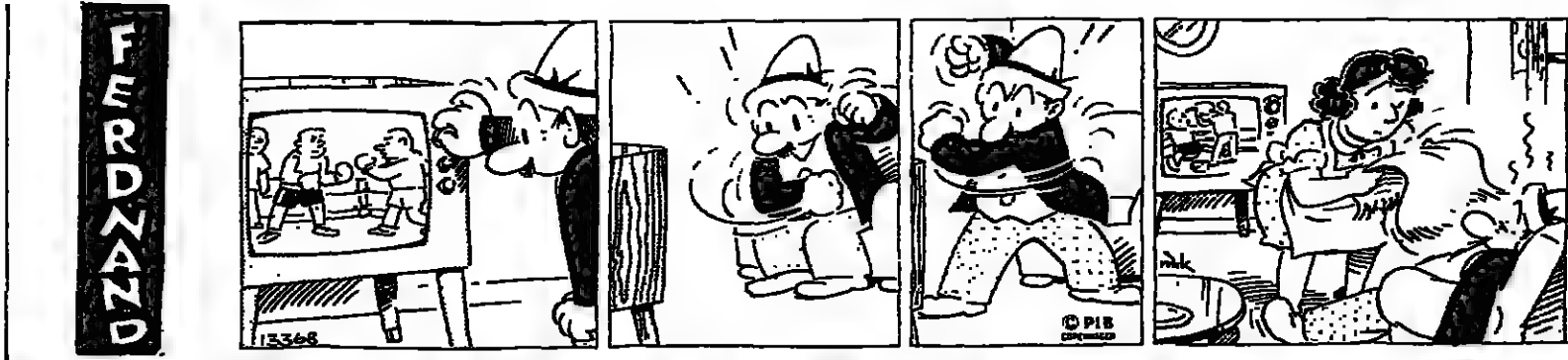
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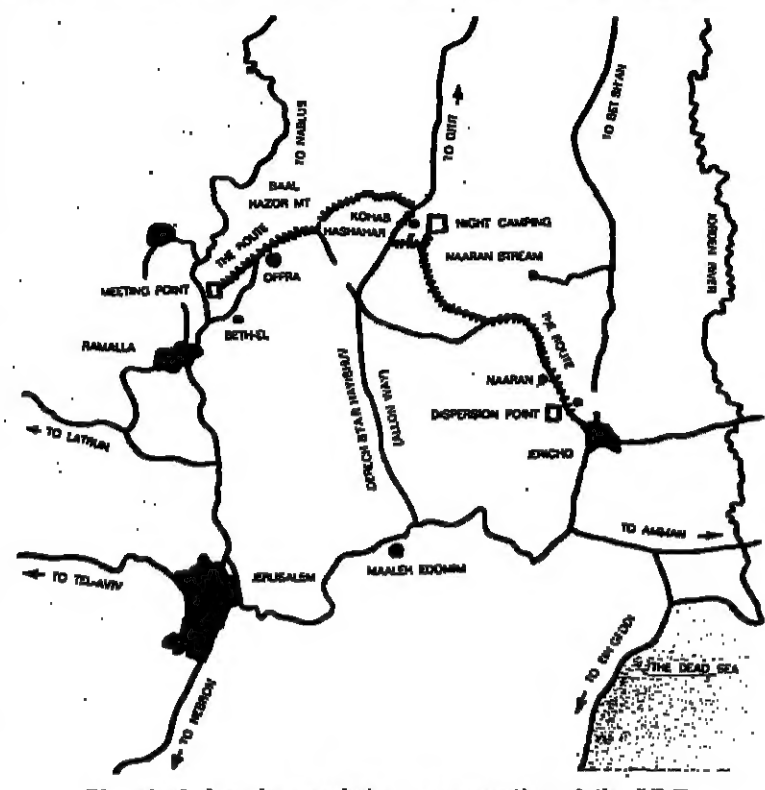
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Many a story behind the story is told in "Looking for Trouble," a book by veteran correspondent Theodore (Teddy) Levite which is being published this week. In the extract here he tells how a senior French Embassy official in Israel tried to sabotage the 1956 Sinai Campaign by leaking news of the war plans to two correspondents.

UNDECLARED, unpublicized mobilization was in full swing throughout Israel. Men and vehicles were being called up. Army camps and parking lots hurriedly organized to cope with sudden emergency. Alert military censorship was not letting a word leak abroad, and Israel's own population - though aware of what was going on - had absolutely no idea of why it was happening.

Friday, October 26, 1956 - the eve of what would become known as the Suez Campaign. For months prior to that fateful weekend, *fedayeen* terrorists operating out of the Gaza Strip had been murdering Israeli civilians, killing orange-grove guards and others in their nightly forays. The trail of blood - of men, women and even children - led up the coastal belt from Ashdod north to Rishon LeZion, Jaffa and Tel Aviv.

The Egyptian Army was concentrating in the Sinai Desert. There were incidents on the long frontier with Jordan, and trouble on the Syrian border.

Even the best-informed foreign correspondents in Israel did not know that Prime Minister and Defence Minister David Ben-Gurion had already decided: there was no choice but to try and break the steel noose that was, rapidly and menacingly, closing around Israel's throat. Not a word had leaked of Ben-Gurion's secret visits to France and talks with French leaders, nor of the latter's clandestine talks with their British counterparts - all designed to create the "collusion" that would launch the ill-fated "Suez Campaign" after Egypt's seizure of the Canal.

By some instinct, we knew the balloon was about to go up on some front, against some Arab state - or maybe against several, but... On that fateful Friday, friends and tipsters reported a huge military convoy on the road up to Jerusalem. One obvious rumour claimed that Israel was about to attack the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and wipe out its *fedayeen* bases. Others talked of "vast" military movements in the South.

The telephone lines in foreign correspondents' homes and offices were humming. I got an even more mysterious call from the French Embassy. A high-ranking French diplomat, counsellor to the pro-Israeli Ambassador Pierre Gilbert, wanted to know if I could see him at 3:30 p.m. in his office; no, nothing in particular, just a chat about "matters of mutual interest." He sounded like the absolute stereotypical of calls that we were receiving from equally puzzled contacts in the different embassies. But the timing was strange. Friday afternoon - and "siesta" hour. And then, this was one Friday when nothing could be disregarded.

A FEW MINUTES after the Embassy call, the phone rang again. It was Donald Wise, one of the world's most famous war correspondents, who was in Tel Aviv for the "Daily Express". He also knew the French diplomat, and much to his surprise, had also been invited to the Embassy that afternoon - one hour earlier than me. We exchanged some critical comments about French diplomats, but decided to go without telling our mutual friend that we knew of each other's appointments. We agreed to meet at 4:15 at the Dan Hotel - the hideout of Donald and every other correspondent in those days - to compare notes and decide what to do.

So the Frenchman told his story twice, once to Donald and once to me, or in other words to the "Daily Express" and the "News Chronicle." The story, even under those circumstances, was simply unbelievable - though mobilization was in progress, and despite our conviction that war was coming, there was agreement between French and Israeli, and between French and British - so he said - that there was no alternative but to take Port Said, fan out and occupy the entire Suez Canal. Israeli land forces would go all the way to the Suez Canal. The French and British would bomb targets in and around Port Said, and then drop paratroopers. Here, our



Ben-Gurion with the troops in Sinai

French diplomat added a red herring: there would be a side action against Jordan - to encircle Jordan! His account abounded in details of the diabolic scheme. Without the slightest hint of emotion, the Frenchman spilled the beans. It was all new to us and - too fantastic for words, except that it did sound so logical...

Donald and I met immediately after my appointment. He had been safely out of the Embassy long before I arrived. Comparing notes, it was clear to us that the choice was to believe the story in toto or reject it outright. No middle course would do. A good hour and several cups of tasteless coffee later, the previously isolated pieces of the jigsaw puzzle began to fall into place. The mystery that was taking place right outside, on the streets and roads of Israel, and the French story - fitted together. Our decision wasn't easy. We were about to stake our reputations - Donald's already first-class one and mine, inferior but still very important to me - on what might well be the world's greatest scoop; a story that neither of our mass-circulation papers could afford to ignore.

There was another little problem. We both assumed that the Israeli military censorship would not let us file the story - IF IT WAS TRUE! We considered all the alternatives, and found one - but it would have meant missing the Saturday morning edition and waiting for Monday's papers. Our French friend had repeatedly warned both of us, separately, that Monday would be too late.

There was no other way: the stories had to be submitted to the Israeli censor. We typed out our respective pieces - of over 1,000 words each - marked them with the usual "Press, Collect" and added the magic words "URGENT RATE," meaning that our papers would pay seven times more. If nothing else, that would wake them up to the importance of the story. All preparations completed, we drove in my car to the duty censor. In those

days' press censorship packed up for the Sabbath, but the duty censor at Tel Aviv telegraph office could handle press copy. When we walked into the telegraph office in Rehov Mikve Yisrael, the censor was busy with a crop of cables and telegrams paid for by mere mortals. That was his main interest in life. He would scan piles of telegrams in the hope of finding a cryptic request to an aunt in the Bronx to give "one thousand kisses" to some Abraham, Isaac or Jacob - meaning, of course, transfer one thousand dollars...

The rudely-interrupted little man took quite some time to read our seemingly endless stories. Our "cable" - as we called the English used in filing stories - failed to make any impression on him. But, not being a trained press censor, he ran for cover. Excusing himself he vanished into another cubicle to phone the chief censor at home. That noble gentleman asked the poor man to read the two stories to him. Since neither could qualify for an honours degree in English, the whole procedure - in Hungarian and German accents - took an hour. The decision - okay, the cables can go. There's no censorship on pure fiction in Israel!

Our cables hit our London papers with the impact of a bombshell. Feelers were put out to the British War Office, which not only denied the story and Israel's involvement - but ridiculed the whole idea. They got a similar answer from Paris. Both papers "spiked" the stories as being what the Israeli chief censor had called them: "Pure fiction."

Three days later, on Monday, October 28, the forces of all three countries moved, and our editors realized they had missed the scoop of the century. They tried to contact us, but it was too late. By then the censorship wouldn't let us say a word beyond the laconic military communiqués. That's not the end of the story, or of the frustration - Donald's, mine, our newspapers' and that of our French diplomat.

We lost a scoop, but he lost his world. His only reason for the unprecedented act of violating French

security, of betraying his own Ambassador, was that he violently opposed the "collusion" and the entire concept of the Suez Campaign. There had been little that he could do in the diplomatic field to spoil it. So, in leaking the story to two correspondents of leading British newspapers, he reckoned on banner headlines in Saturday morning's editions. The uproar in Britain and France (which indeed caused the operation to be abandoned half-way) would force the scheme to be dropped before it began.

But what then of the Israeli chief censor? Why did he let the story through? No less an authority than Ben-Gurion himself answered that one. Some months later he met the editors of the Israeli daily press at a time when the Israeli troops were being forced to withdraw from Gaza. The editors were blaming international pressure - and particularly that emanating from U.S. Secretary of State Dulles - on Israel's inadequate preparation of world public opinion. Replied Ben-Gurion: "That's true. We did not prepare world public opinion because we had to maintain strictest secrecy, to secure the element of surprise - and to save the lives of our soldiers. If it did save one single Israeli life, then it was worth it."

An Israeli editor, who knew of our "scoop that never was," quickly pointed out to the Prime Minister that the veil of secrecy hadn't prevented two foreign correspondents from filing the story on the Friday before the campaign. Ben-Gurion admitted it, adding that a secret service investigation ordered by him, had established that our source was not Israel "but apparently a French Embassy official." The editor persisted: "What about the chief censor who let the stories go?" "Well," Ben-Gurion said, "only five people knew about the campaign and the collusion - AND THE CHIEF CENSOR WASN'T ONE OF THEM."

"Looking for Trouble" is published by E. L. Special Edition.

RADIO / MARSHA POMERANTZ

No time for ear-wiggling

YOU CAN skip this if you like. That's harder to do in a radio magazine, which doesn't permit you to flip back and forth to the items that suit your mood. The table of contents is announced at the start, and occasionally you have to sit through something boring, practicing wiggling your ears, until the item that caught your attention comes up. But the variety is great, and there's bound to be something you want to hear.

"Matters of Religion" - but the Jewish one only - are discussed on the First Programme's Thursday broadcast at 8.30 p.m., presented by Menahem Peri. By telephone from The Hague last week, we heard a rabbi's description, in Hebrew, of preparations for Passover. Switch to Eilat for a report on the theft of five Tora Scrolls from a synagogue - one of a series of similar money-motivated desecrations. Insurance agents were demanding safety precautions, but it wasn't clear if the Scrolls could be marked for identification without violating their fitness.

There was an interview with an artist and "observer of *viduot* (commandments)" who has an exhibition running at the Hebrew University. The place of graphic and plastic art in Judaism is an interesting problem, but the interview contributed nothing to its illumination: the artist said she saw no expression of her religious faith in her abstract painting. She just put down "what she felt like painting." Which is fine, but why put her on a religious radio weekly? I wiggled my ears.

THE MOST vital of the magazines I heard was a monthly instalment on Army Radio, Sunday at 8.30 p.m.: Natan Duvich's *Bevra b'evronim* (Society, Ltd.) with a pun on the word *bevra*, which also means "company". Duvich does his homework, and has facts and figures to challenge his guests. One of them, Yitzhak Kadman, secretary of the Social Workers Union, talked about the tremendous drop-out rate in his field. By 1960, Israel will be short of some 2,000 social workers. He attributes the drop-out to faulty school selection of students (by grades rather than personality), idealized expectations on the part of students, difficult work conditions and the pittance of pay. Beginning workers get IL2,888 monthly - often less than the families they care for get from the Welfare Ministry.

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Shakespeare group due

LOCAL LOVERS of British theatre will be glad to know that at long last, and after prolonged efforts on the part of impresarios Pashanah and Shmuel Zemach, the New Shakespeare Company is to appear in Israel this spring.

Their production of Othello, directed by Mervyn Willis, stars Robert Stephens in the leading role, with Edward Fox as Iago. Robert Stephens was for seven years one of the leading actors in the British National Theatre, where he appeared in Hamlet, Dance of Death, The Three Sisters and was perhaps at his most superb as Atahualpa, the Inca sun god, in Peter Shaffer's unforgettable "Royal Hunt of the Sun."

Edward Fox started his career in films (for example, The Doll's House, with Jane Fonda) and has just finished shooting "Galileo." He has appeared often at the Edinburgh and Chichester Festivals and in many roles, including Professor Higgins in Shaw's Pygmalion. Director Mervyn Willis, who is also the New Shakespeare's artistic director, has many plays to his credit, one of the most notable being "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead."

The New Shakespeare Company will be arriving here towards the end of May and will give 10 performances, the first at Habima on May 24, and thereafter at the Jerusalem Theatre, the Casarea Amphitheatre and the Herta Theatre, under the sponsorship of the British Council.

A PESSEH PRESENT IN MUSIC

Special to The Jerusalem Post

The Albert Einstein Lodge of B'nai B'rith recently received a Pesseh present from the students of the Hameiri Elementary School in Katamon. The gift took the form of an evening of entertainment by the students themselves.

Musical accompaniment was provided by the piano and other instruments purchased by the Lodge with the cooperation of the Joseph Meyerhoff fund.

The members of the Lodge have "adopted" the school, which is in a deprived area.

Robert Stephens, left, who plays Othello, and Edward Fox, Iago.

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This week I tuned in at 6.06, in time to hear some recordings and interviews with Lea Fox, the British actor who is here to do a one-man show during the Jerusalem Spring Festival. His monologue, as an old man rambling on about his old collection was curiously and curiously, but it was marred by the technical delivery of the recordings. We heard him speak in English. Halfway through, we'd start getting the translation into Hebrew, with the English murmur still audible and distracting in the background.

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## More books published despite the slowdown

By AARON SEITZ

OK PUBLISHING remains one of Israel's liveliest industries, an annual survey by the Central Bureau of Statistics shows. Despite the general economic slowdown, approximately 3,720 titles were published last year, 16 per cent more than during the previous year. An even greater increase was noted in the number of volumes published — some 13 million — which represented a growth of about 35 per cent.

Trade sources reported that 69 per cent of the titles published last year were first or second editions originated in Hebrew manuscripts. Two years

ago the figure was 78 per cent. They said the biggest drop in original Hebrew works occurred in belles lettres, of the books published last year in this classification more than half were translated from works in other languages. According to the sources, there was a definite upward trend in the number of books going to press for editions beyond the second. What's more, the average number of copies per book printed last year reached 3,800, up from 3,500 the year earlier. About one fifth of the books published during 1974/75 in Israel were given initial press runs of 5,000 or more, compared with only 16 per cent during 1973/74.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE Wednesday, April 14, 1976

## Weak, unconvincing rally

NEW YORK — A flurry of demand for the opening got the stock market rolling along a firmer path yesterday, but later demand gradually waned and prices turned lower. Initial strength was viewed as a recovery from Wednesday's brisk rally. But one analyst said it was a weak, unconvincing rally, and probably provided investors with excuse to take some profits.

Most first quarter corporate earnings selected list of stocks is based on the quotations at 3 p.m. New York time one hour before the market closes.

Alcoa Chemical	39	Union Carbide	69
Aluminum Co.	46 1/2	United Technologies	60
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DuPont	144 1/2	Citicorp	34 1/2
Eastman Kodak	113 1/2	Control Data	23 1/2
Emerson Inc.	38 1/2	Disney	55 1/2
Exxon	92	Dome Mines	40 1/2
General Electric	52	Fairchild Camera	38 1/2
General Foods	28 1/2	General Dynamics	51
General Motors	69 1/2	IBM	256
Goodyear	21 1/2	Int. Tel. Tel.	26 1/2
Harvester	20 1/2	LTV Corp.	12 1/2
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PARIS: —

FRANCE's new five-year economic plan for 1976-80, which has been the subject of lengthy debate and analysis by government experts, economists, and leaders of industry and the trade union movement for the past three years, is due to be presented to Parliament shortly.

The plan, the seventh since France introduced this form of economic targeting at the end of World War II, once again seeks to reconcile a series of ambitious objectives which often bear the stamp of incompatibility.

Jean Ripert, the Planning Commissioner, recently delivered this weighty document to President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. The Cabinet will discuss it, and probably modify its contents, before it is sent to Parliament at the end of the month.

The principal aims set forth in the Seventh Plan are: a return to a high rate of economic growth, halving the rate of inflation which is now running at around 10 per cent a year, and lower unemployment — currently around one million — without harming productivity or the competitive power of French products.

The plan sets out to improve the lot of the consumer, but without any major changes in the system of distribution, and to find funds for the massive investments required — particularly for attaining independence from foreign sources of energy — without hurting consumption.

The plan was drawn up by a number of commissions working independently before having their heterogeneous collection of documents re-

vised and amalgamated by Ripert's senior planners.

ON THE FINANCIAL FRONT the planners' obvious problem has been to guarantee the funds needed to fuel the economy with investment while heading off inflation. A global investment rate of 29.4 per cent of gross industrial product is postulated for 1980, representing only a slight advance on the 28.8 per cent level of 1970.

Industry's share in this financing should rise from 18.5 per cent in 1975 to 20.6 per cent in 1980, while that of family investment should drop from 6.1 per cent to 4.5 per cent during the five-year period. Consequently, reinvestment by firms from their own profits and capital is due to rise from 58.5 per cent in 1975 (70 per cent in 1971) to 77 per cent in 1980.

This means laxer price controls, moderate wage increases, fiscal measures to encourage the purchase of bond and share issues, and new

## Jack Maurice reports on a five-year plan that took three years to produce and now goes to parliament

# New French economic plan seeks a better life for the consumer

methods to finance small and medium-sized business.

State aid to investment would be switched from farming and home-building to other productive outlets, with incentives taking the form of bonuses, subsidies, tax privileges, easier credit facilities and attractive interest rates.

Family-scale investment would be encouraged by a better return on long term investments.

The Seventh Plan sets a target of 200,000 new jobs by 1980. This calls for a growth rate of 5.5 per cent for the economy as a whole and of 7 per cent for industrial production. It requires lower inflation, better international monetary stability, low imports, and the development of investment at the rate of 7 per cent annually up to 1980.

The planners recommend barriers against imports sold at dumping prices, because these have serious repercussions on employment and on industrial work loads. The Planning

Commission urges action by the European Economic Community in this direction.

AMONG THE INDUSTRIES which ought to expand faster than the average over the five-year period are metallurgy, electricity, and electronics. Automobiles are unlikely to create new jobs, and consumer industries, notably textiles, are expected to slump.

On the social front, the planners urge priority for the "neighbourhood" — a community ranging from 2,000 to 20,000 persons, in order to counter-act the effects of increased mobility of labour caused by unemployment. This will mean state aid on a large scale in order to revive suburban social life and the introduction of a "parents' allowance" of 456 francs minimum a month to replace the present allowance given to mothers who remain at home instead of working outside. The planners also recommend action to relieve the isolation of France's 4,200,000 immigrant

workers, of whom one million can neither read nor write.

The planners are dismayed pessimistic about employment. In the ideal hypothesis of a favourable international situation (a growth rate of 5.5 per cent), they expect at least 500,000 unemployed in a country of 53 million. Grimmer still, and also more likely, is an unemployment level of 900,000 at a growth rate of 3.7 per cent.

Oil, gas, and electricity should follow strictly the general rhythm of price increases over the 1976-80 period, the planners say. Investment in this sector is scheduled to rise by at least 45 per cent over with plan levels.

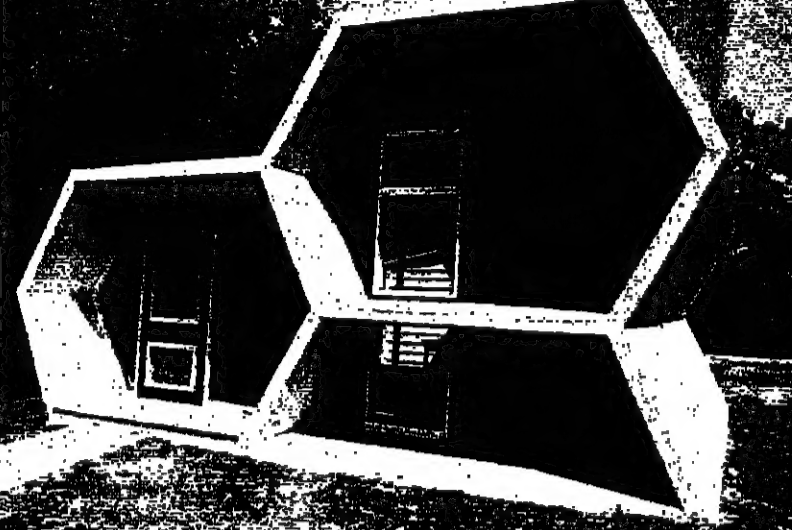
Electricity de France, the French electricity authority, will invest 72 billion francs compared with 45.2 billion in the previous five-year plan.

OIL'S SHARE in energy investment will drop from 31.8 to 23.3 billion. This figure does not include overseas investments of 45 billion.

Priorities in this sector are economies totalling the equivalent of 240 TEP (tons equivalent to petrol), the development of under-water sources of oil, nuclear breeder reactors and new techniques and forms of energy, such as solar power.

The Seventh Plan gives an impression of modesty. The authors have shunned bold, original ideas. But their analysis will at least help to make a sombre future clearer, if not brighter.

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Bee research centre

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT: The Bee Research Centre in memory of Benjamin Triwaks was inaugurated here this week at the Faculty of Agriculture.

Benjamin Triwaks was an alumnus of the Kadoorie Agricultural School, who was killed in action during the War of Liberation. The Triwaks family contributed the honey comb-shaped building to house the Bee Research Centre as a memorial for him.

The faculty is already conducting research on the biology of the honey bee, and on the raising of bees in the country. The work is being done in cooperation with officials of the Ministry of Agriculture extension

service and the Honey Production Board.

The scientists also take part in educational programmes on the biology of the honey bee prepared by the Ministry of Education for students on the junior high school level.

The building was designed by David A. Brutkins, a Jerusalem architect.

The Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Yitzhak Harpaz, said that bee culture had an importance far beyond the production of honey for people who preferred the best: bees also pollinated many fruit-bearing plants.

Mrs. Tsipora Triwaks, mother of Benjamin, unveiled the plaque.

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## Lessons of the aid issue

IT WAS perfectly natural for Israel to assume that the assurances it had received from American officials over recent months regarding the "transitional aid" would be honoured by the Administration, and would not have to be fought for by Congress members and lobbyists.

At the root of Israel's confidence was the underlying rationale of the interim agreement, and indeed of the whole concept of American peacemaking in the Middle East. The rationale was that Israel would receive "compensation" from the U.S. for the risks it undertakes in ceding strategic assets to the Arabs. U.S. support — political, military and economic — would serve to balance the lopsided Israel-Arab peace equation, in which Israel trades tangibles for promises.

If the "transitional aid" issue has temporarily strained Jerusalem-Washington relations, Israel can hardly be blamed. It had no reason to expect, or indeed to unquestioningly accept, the President's sudden change of heart — though perhaps it should have detected the Administration's turnabout quicker. It was certainly unfortunate that Mr. Ford should have chosen this issue on which to reassert the Executive branch's predominance in determining foreign policy.

According to still-unconfirmed reports, the President himself may now be thinking again, and may yet be amenable to a compromise which would extricate all concerned from an uncomfortable situation.

Even if the episode is concluded favourably, we would do well to learn its ominous lessons. Perceptive observers have been predicting for some time that American largesse in overseas aid is likely to be reduced, even if the economic situation inside America improves. The mood of the nation, it is said, will no longer endorse the level of foreign assistance that has been accepted in the past.

It was commonly held that the harshest reflection of the new mood of parsimony would show itself in the Congress, which is the most immediate mirror of popular feeling.

But the Administration, in this election year, has demonstrated even greater zeal than the Congress in whittling down the Federal spending bill. Nor can there be any guarantee that this trend will change after the election. It would certainly be unwise for Israel to count on such a change.

## Tribute to Dado

DADO, AS Rav-Aluf David Elazar was known to everybody, will go down in Israel's military history as one of its most brilliant soldiers and field commanders. He died only two years after he was forced to resign as Chief of Staff of the Israel Defence Forces to which he had devoted all his adult life. His untimely passing has put a stop to his unceasing efforts to rehabilitate himself after the harsh findings of the Agranat inquiry commission in the wake of the Yom Kippur War.

It is now up to his former comrades-in-arms and the military historians to evaluate properly his share in preparations for and implementation of Israel's unprecedented military victory in 1973 only 18 days after the massive Egyptian-Syrian surprise attack. Dado's main grievance was that he alone had to pay the highest price for the failure to recognize the enemy's plans in time, while the then Defence Minister, Moshe Dayan, was almost totally cleared of any direct blame. It was this ruling by the Agranat commission and Dayan's refusal to step down in solidarity with the Chief of Staff which brought down Golda Meir's Government.

For Dado, who was brought up in the best Palmah tradition of comradeship, the last two years were the beginning of an agonizing process of readjustment to a new civilian career, never giving up hope that he would yet be able to give of his talents in a top post of the national leadership. His true recognition will now come only posthumously.

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## The West Bank elections

HA'ARETZ (Independent) says the fact that more than 70 per cent of the West Bank electorate went to the polls proves that the Arab population put its faith in the undertaking of the Israeli authorities to guarantee the freedom of the elections. It is doubtful whether a similar example of proper democratic election procedures could be found anywhere else in the Arab world.

The results show that the population is far from acquiescing to Israeli rule, the majority casting their votes for the "nationalist bloc." However, this includes not only FLO and Ba'th affiliates and some Communists, but also candidates close to the pro-Hashemite camp. King Hussein's supporters apparently found it more convenient to join this broad camp of conflicting opinion than to come out openly against the opponents of the Hashemite regime.

Although the elections were a "nationalist" demonstration, insofar as this is possible under the conditions of a military rule, the new councilors will have to realize that such a demonstration cannot alter the political situation. They will need to reach understanding with Israel if they are to maintain the regular services and promote the interests that come within the competence of the local authority. "We assume that the military authorities will be prepared to cooperate with the new municipal councils no less than they did with their predecessors."

# Callaghan's balancing act

The Cabinet changes already made by Britain's new Prime Minister are probably only the first stage, writes MARK SEGAL. Callaghan is trying to do two things: put his own stamp on the Cabinet and maintain a delicate balance between the different wings in the Labour Party.

POLITICAL PUNDITS are now talking of the three phases of governmental changes they expect the new Prime Minister, James Callaghan, to introduce.

The initial phase was announced last week with the shifting of senior Cabinet ministers and the political massacre of some veterans. The interim phase is expected in the next few days when Callaghan will make public an entire set of junior Government appointments. And the final stage will most likely — it is predicted — come towards the end of the year, when some top figures will come under the axe and Callaghan will complete his transformation of the Labour Government in his own image.

Those in the know say that Callaghan wants to show by this that he is not simply a caretaker Premier, but very much here to stay. He has already started removing men who were too closely associated with the Wilson regime, particularly Edward Short, who was sent to the back benches from being Leader of the House of Commons, in effect Deputy Premier.

Some observers are talking of the new appointments as Callaghan's balancing act. For the ascendancy of Foot in the Parliamentary Labour caucus's vote for Harold Wilson's successor has given him a measure of influence he never enjoyed before. Thus Callaghan was obliged to balance out the various party factions when starting on the process of change that will erase Wilson's stamp from his Government. His awareness of the dangers to party unity was given maximum publicity in his acceptance speech when he warned both the leftists Tribune group and the right-wing Manifesto group that "neither of you holds the Ark of the Covenant," stressing that their first loyalty was to the party as a whole.

Callaghan is very much aware

that the British public does not want the radical programme sought by the Labour Party's left wing, which has a stronger hold on the Parliamentary faction than on the electorate.

SOME OBSERVERS CLAIM that Callaghan's biggest concession to Foot was the non-appointment of Roy Jenkins to the Foreign Office, leaving him instead at the Home Office. Others claim that Callaghan preferred to install Crosland at the Foreign Office, not only as part of the balancing act between party factions — for Crosland is a moderate Social Democrat but not part of any faction — but also because he is personally more comfortable right now with Crosland in his own former post.

Jenkins is the leader of the Manifesto group, and his supporters are angry, using words like "humiliation" to describe Callaghan's treatment of their man. They are waiting to see how Callaghan treats Jenkins' followers in junior posts, like William Rogers, No. 2 man at the Defence Ministry or David Owen, No. 2 at Health and Social Security.

On the other hand, Callaghan has promoted Shirley Williams, who belongs to the moderates, by making her Paymaster General as well as Secretary for Consumer Affairs and Prices. However, he did drop the other woman minister, Barbara Castle (who was Secretary for Social Security), thereby removing a most outspoken member of the party's left wing from the Cabinet.

Foot has ensured that his old deputy at the Employment Ministry, Albert Booth, has been elevated to Cabinet rank, and also made sure that the important job of Chief Whip has gone to another left winger, Michael Cocks.

THE TWO BIGGEST HEADACHES

of the new Premier are the economy and pressures by nationalist groups for a greater say. The most immediate problem is how to persuade the trade unions to accept the package deal of Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey — whereby they would agree to only a 3 per cent wage rise, in return for which taxes would be cut.

One factor operating against early elections is the threat posed by the Scottish Nationalist Party now riding on a wave of nationalist feeling throughout Scotland, fuelled by the recession's effects, unemployment and dreams of North Sea oil revenues. It is predicted that they could win at the least 25 seats in Parliament, and maybe as many as 40, largely at Labour's expense.

It could even give the Scots and the Irish the balance of power in Parliament. The Labour Government hopes to mollify the Scots and the Welsh with more autonomy, but they (especially the Scots) want greater economic home-rule.

IN ITS PERSONAL COMPOSITION, the new Government has tipped somewhat away from Wilson's profound personal involvement in Israel and her labour movement. On the whole the Labour friends of Israel, which embraces all wings of the party, is less well represented in the new Government. Indeed, it may be noted that Foot is less than sympathetic towards the Zionist cause, while many of the new men and women rising in the Labour power scale are alien to the historical background of Israel's struggle.

Callaghan is known to combine Labour's traditional amity towards the Jewish State with concern for "the political and human rights of the Palestinians," but so far does not square these with recognition of the PLO. Yet there are questions, especially over Britain's votes at the Security Council.

## Realist with a sense of humour

JOHANNES VORSTER, the South African Prime Minister, who created so much interest during his four-day visit to Israel, is a typical Afrikaner, which means that he is clever, bluff, humorous, and, above all, extremely pragmatic. The English-speaking section of South Africa always made the mistake of under-estimating the Afrikaner — to this day South Africans tell jokes about a character named van der Merwe, a mixture of Simple Simon and Archie Bunker, famous for his stupidities and his bigotry. Afrikaners like Vorster laugh heartily at the van der Merwe jokes, and then calmly go on outmanoeuvring their opponents.

The flexibility and realism of Vorster's approach can be seen in his attitudes to both internal and external affairs. Asked at his press conference in Jerusalem about Rhodesia, he answered firmly that South Africa would not prescribe how Rhodesia should settle her affairs. But it is well-known that he has little patience for Ian Smith's imitation of King Canute.

He admitted that the intervention in Africa of Cuban troops, armed with sophisticated Russian weapons, and America's failure to object, had come as an unpleasant shock to South Africa. Communism has always been set up by the Nationalists as the great danger to the continent — their opponents said they used Communism as a bogey to terrify voters into submission and to get through draconian laws. Bogey or genuine, the Communism they feared was that of the blacks. They never really contemplated direct invasion by non-African battle-trained Communist troops, and they certainly never dreamt that the U.S. would be so pusillanimous about a Soviet takeover.

Once it happened, however, the

The visit of South African Premier John Vorster aroused a good deal of interest, and some criticism. Philip Gillon writes about Vorster the man, and what he stands for.

South African Government drew the realistic conclusion that they could not go it alone in Angola, withdrew, and tried to make terms to save the hydro-electric plant.

A KNOWLEDGEABLE South African, more liberal than Vorster, described the Premier's position for me as being somewhat left of centre. A prime minister must take a central position in his party, or the party breaks up: this happened, for example, to the official South African opposition, the United Party. This liberal, thought Vorster, was going too slowly in the direction of loosening the grip of apartheid. A right-wing editor, on the other hand, complained to me once that the Premier was trying to move too fast. It is interesting that both of them described the Premier's role as being that of a leader taking the people after him in the direction he chose, at the pace he thought advisable: leaders elsewhere must envy him such disciplined supporters.

One story told about him, perhaps apocryphal, illustrates his realism and his humour. When Malawi was prepared to have relations with South Africa, he jumped at the chance. At a state dinner in the Malawi embassy in Pretoria, he was seated between two black women.

The fanatical right-wingers, led by Dr. Albert Hertzog, got hold of a picture of the three of them, and circulated it widely on the plateland, the rural outposts of South Africa where the Nationalist Party is entrenched, to show the dangerous road Vorster was taking. An old farmer showed the Premier the picture and asked for an explanation. Vorster told him that he had done it for the good of South Africa, but added, "You can see in my face that I was only doing my duty for the nation. But you should have seen the President — he enjoyed it!"

A reader's letter in The Jerusalem Post complained about Vorster being no fit friend for Israel because he was pro-Hitler in the late 'thirties and early 'forties. But this was because of his fierce hatred at the time of the British. Now that the Boer War has been refought and the victors vanquished, his attitude to the British has softened. In any event, it is certainly clear that the admiration he expressed for Israel while here was undoubtedly sincere: among other reasons, the Afrikaners admire Israel for being one of the first subject nations to drive out the British. But Vorster's strong religious convictions, to which he referred again and again during his visit, make him identify with the People of the Book — the Afrikaners are also either farmers or one remove from farmers, and the achievements of Israeli agriculture and irrigation always win their admiration.

The thirteenth of 14 children born in a small town in the Cape Province, Vorster's roots are in the veld and the Bible. So he has much in common with Israel's ideology. But his identification with us is in the last resort pragmatic, because both Israel and South Africa are threatened by the Communist march.

## Dry Bones



### READERS' LETTERS

#### DUTY TO AID — AND CRITICIZE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Your readers may be interested to know that I have recently written to my congregants, pointing out that I had, in the past, stressed our duty to support the State of Israel in any way we could through our contributions and moral support. I added there was a third way to support Israel; namely, we must be ready to criticize its actions when it is in error. All of us are aware of the ugly incidents on the occupied West Bank and in Jerusalem. It is our duty to protest the conditions which were greatly responsible for the eruption of these riots. However, we must not let our protests diminish in any way our support of CJP and other activities which help Israel to survive — in fact, we must intensify our support.

As I said in a telegram which I sent to Ambassador Dinitz in Washington, the current incidents in Judea and Samaria represent to me and to many members of my congregation a danger to the Jewish character of the State of Israel. I am in full agreement with Israel's policy of maintaining the status quo until completion of peace negotiations. However, I am in total disagreement with your apparent policy of "creeping annexation" and the failure to respect Arab sensitivities concerning Hebron and the Temple Mount. The major danger to Israel and its Jewish character is not the likelihood of continued Arab riots, but Israel's response to them. I fear that if demonstrations escalate, your government will be forced to take oppressive measures and will eventually become an oppressive regime. Such a turn of events would ultimately destroy the spiritual foundations of the State of Israel and alienate the support of world Jewry.

NASON GOLDSTEIN, RABBI  
Norwood, Mass.

#### HELPFUL ISRAELI

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I am in the throes of arranging some financing for myself and my family and I require guarantee to allow me to borrow these monies. I asked four of my colleagues, work, all Israeli, to be my guarantors and without any hesitation, they agreed. I have been working with these men a relatively short time and to them, I am really an unknown quantity. But they are prepared to take this risk to help me get set in Israel. I would have been hard to find four men as trusting a forthcoming back in the old count (England) in so short a time.

In general, I find much criticism of Israel's unwarranted and unjustified, and in many aspects untrue.

Hatta.

#### ANTI-SEMITISM IN MUSIC

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — In his letter, "Franz I and Richard Strauss" (March) Robert Atlasz picks up the old about the anti-Semitic feelings of Verdi, Puccini, Beethoven, Schubert, Schumann, Bachs, and so many others, assume for the sake of arg that the theory, "All Gentile anti-Semites" is correct, it should only listen to the music of Offenbach, Meyerbeer, Mendelssohn, and a few others.

Personally, I am not a fan Wagner or Strauss, but nobody is forced to buy a ticket to a concert of their works. On the other hand, someone told me that Beethoven, Mozart were anti-Semites, it would not change my love for music they composed.

JAMES SPRING  
Ramat Gan.

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